WASHINGTON (R) — The CIA chief counsel who helped throw a cloak of legality around the U.S. sale of arms to Iran said Wednesday it was an arms-for-hostages deal from the start. Stanley Sporkin, former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) general counsel and now a federal judge, told congressional hearings on the Iran-contra scandal the swap was the basic reason for the deal from the outset. President Reagan has insisted he approved the deal primarily to establish a new strategic relationship with so-called moderate elements in Tehran. He conceded later it degenerated into ransom for five Americans held by pro-Iranian elements in Lebanon. "We did not, repeat, did not trade weapons or anything else for hostages, nor will we," Mr. Reagan flatly declared in an address to the nation after the secret operation came to light last November. But Mr. Sporkin testified that a year earlier, on Nov. 25, 1985, he prepared a draft "finding" for Mr. Reagan to sign that would provide retroactive authority for the CIA to participate in the arms shipments to Iran. It simply stated the reason was "Iran is taking steps to facilitate the release of Americans held hostage."

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WASHINGTON (R) — President Ronald Reagan said Wednesday he had been assured by West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl that accused hijacker Mohammad Hamadei will be and a gathern oved the elevative tried for the murder of an American sailor and not granted clemency if convicted, the White House announced. Mr. Reagan's spokesman Marlin Fitzwater gave details of the assurances after West Germany announced it had formally rejected U.S. requests for the extradition of Mr. Hamadei (see page 2), who is accused of killing U.S. navy diver Robert Stethem during the sci-zure of Trans World Airlines (TWA) Flight 847 in June 1985.

Peres in Paris

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PARIS (AP) — Shimon Peres, the Israeli foreign minister, arrived Wednesday in Paris for the latest in a round of talks with European leaders on calls for an os Koskous as international Middle East peace conference. Mr. Peres, who arrived from London, had a working lanch with his French counterpart, Jean-Bernard Raimond, with whom he met three weeks ago in Israel. Mr. Peres was to meet later Wednesday with French President Francois Mitterrand. On Thursday, Mr. Peres was to meet with Premier Jacques Chirac, along with former Pre-mier Raymond Barre, and Lionel Jospin, first secretary of the Socialist Party. Mr. Peres was to go on to Bonn on Monday.

Israel delays Nakash extradition

TEL AVIV (AP) — An Israeli ng a divorce le supreme court judge on Wednescalled ha dis day delayed the extradition to France of a Jewish immigrant convicted of murdering an Arab pending his appeal next week. Lawyers for William Nakash subhe Catholic 🗷 mitted the appeal to the supreme intries with mb court Monday after Justice Minisewo million 🗩 ter Avraham Sharir decided to nne who is mili extradite the 24-year-old French Jew. But Judge Menachem Elon barred the justice ministry and prison authorities from preparing the extradition until the appeal is heard by a three-judge panel next Thursday.

Lebanese officer killed in Tyre

lers Paul Batel TYRE, Lebanon (R) — Gunmen on Wednesday killed a Lebanese if five and sign weapons. army intelligence officer who was nighton and s a liaison officer with U.N. litering the none peacekeepers in South Lebanon, er demonstrat iles was address. police said. They said the attackciztion, 1 Pros ers ambushed Captain Kazem Darwish, head of army intelliacan Catholices gence in the Tyre area, as he orthern irebut drove to Tyre barracks. Capt. Darwish played an important liaison role last year when French troops in the U.N. Interim Force In Lebanon came under attack by idow of 2 mg Shi'ite militants.

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King visits Damascus for talks with Assad

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein on Wednesday paid a working visit to Damascus for talks with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad on topics believed related to efforts for Middle East peace and settling Iraqi-Syrian differ-

The King and President Assad held two rounds of closed meetings in addition to expanded talks attended by senior officials from both sides. The King is accompa-nied on the visit by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem and Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh.

No details were available of the two leaders' talks, but news agencies speculated that the King was pursuing his efforts to settle differences between President Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

The King, on his seventh visit to Damascus since 1985, is believed to follow up talks with President Assad last month which centred on Arab solidarity and the prospects for an international

The King has had similar discussions with President Hussein of Iraq as part of his endeavours to bring the Syrian and Iraqi

leaders together ahead of a pro-

jected Arab summit.

Jordan and Saudi Arabia have jointly led Arab efforts to reconcile Iraq and Syria, ruled by rival factions of the Baath Socialist

Diplomats quoted by Reuter said the King would probably also exchange views with President Assad ahead of the monarch's expected visit to London next month to seek European support for the proposed international conference on Middle East

Both Syria and Jordan have

members of the Security Council and all parties to the Middle East

King Hussein's visit comes two weeks after Syrian Premier Abdul Raouf Al Kasm visited Jordan to discuss economic and political affairs.

The King was received upon arrival at Damascus airport on Wednesday by President Assad, Vice President Abdul Halim Khaddam, Vice-President Mohammad Zuhair Masharqah, Prime Minister Kasm and cabinet members and Jordan's Ambassador in Damascus Ali Khreis.

In a separate meeting, Mr. Rifai and Dr. Kasm discussed bilateral cooperation and ways to further strengthen relations between the two countries, Petra said. The meeting, held at the Syrian Prime Ministry, was attended by Mr. Qasem and Mr. Abu Odeh, Petra added.

The King and the delegation accompanying him were guests of honour at a banquet hosted by President Assad. It was attended by senior Syrian officials.

The duration of the King's visit peace conference on the Middle agreed to the conference, to be to Damascus was not known.

Kidnappers free Osseiran; Syria pursues push for Glass' release The kidnappers who released balcony of the family home in the

three men were seized in west

Osseiran was freed around dawn from a small boat off the

Lebanese coast near Sidon. But a

Syrian official quoted by AP said

they were let go blindfolded on

Two family sources said Mr.

DAMASCUS (Agencies) -Syria will continue to press for the release of U.S. hostage defied intense Syrian pressure to Charles Glass, who failed to release Mr. Glass as well. All appear when two of his fellow Lebanese captives were freed in Beirut on June 17. southern Lebanon early Wednesday, a senior Syrian official said.

Svria is exercising military and administrative pressures on all levels for this purpose," the high-ly-placed official told reporters in the Syrian capital. He asked not to be named.

Earlier, in South Lebanon, the exhausted son of Lebanon's defence minister swam to freedom after a week-long kidnap ordeal he suffered to protect the 36year-old American newsman

the coastal highway. Defence Minister Adel Osseiran said Mr. Glass was still would continue.

blue trousers and a dark blue coastal highway near the shirt, appeared briefly on the ern port city of Sidon.

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Ali Osseiran, dressed in navy

seaside town of Rmeileh, 30 kilometres south of Beirut. Asked where Mr. Glass was, the 40-year-old engineer paused, then replied sadly, "I don't

A bodyguard attached to the Osseiran family told AP that Ali Osseiran had dinner with Mr. Glass on Tuesday night, but would not give further details.

The younger Osseiran and his driver Suleiman Salman were freed in the early morning. A Syrian official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they were let go blindfolded on the coastal highway near the south-

Rebels say 138 Iranian

ary bases near the border with

A communique issued by the Mujahedeen-e-Khalo, the main Iranian faction opposed to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's regime, said the attacks in western Iran were carried out by the resistance's newly formed National Liberation Army

It said six NLA fighters were ern Iran.

statement that several NLA battalions captured an Iranian gendarmerie base and destroyed three others in the eight-hour

to AP office in Nicosia from Mujahedeen headquarters in Baghdad.

three-pronged assault early Mon-day and captured the Khazai gendarmerie base, 10 kilometres across the border from Iraq, it

It said 500 Iranian Revolutionary Guards were sent to retake the base and a 40 squarekilometre area seized by the guerrillas were repulsed in heavy fighting.

Sixty-eight Iranian troops were killed and 70 wounded and several bunkers destroyed in the

clashes, the communique said. It said that the nearby Checiat 1 and 2 and Sehgelal bases also came under heavy fire from the





Iraqis hit Turkish ship near Kharg

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — Iraq said its naval units rocketed a large ship near Iran's crucial Kharg Island or Itram's crucial, its third attack in five days on ship-ping in the Gulf after a onemonth Iuli.

A military spokesman in Bagh-dad said that the attackers scored an accurate and effective hit in the early morning raid on a "large manitime target.

"The strike was in implementation of Iraq's resolve to cut off the enemy's oil supplies used for prolongation of the war," a spokes-man said in another dispatch, from the Iraqi News Agency

In London, the Lloyds shipping intelligence unit said the 30,600tonne Turkish bulk carrier Hira III was hit by an Iraqi missile off the Iranian coast and seven crewmen were injured. Gulf-based marine salvage ex-

ecutives, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the ship was hit by a missile about 10 nautical miles off the Iranian port of Bushehr, which is close to Kharg.

mic Republic News Agency reported that Iranian jet fighters shot down an Iraqi helicopter early in the day after it attacked a merchant ship near Bushehr. It was not clear whether the

Iraqi and Iranian reports referred to the same ship attacks. Iraq did not specify what type of "naval nnits" were used in the attack, but Baghdad's navy is believed to have helicopters. Turkish state radio said the fire

was put out by the ship's crew, helped by Iranian tugs. The in-jured were taken by Iranian navy helicopter to the Iranian port of Bushehr, and the ship was under tow to Dubai, it said. There was no immediate claim

from Baghdad that its jets had hit a ship on Wednesday. Iraq Tuesday night said its naval units had struck a "large naval target" near Iran's Bandar Khomeini port at the head of the Gulf. There was no independent confirmation.

(Continued on page 3) Kuwait steps up campaign

on Wednesday stepped up its campaign to rally international

and regional support for its

moves to avert further Iranian

Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah

Al Ahmad left for Saudi Arabia

at the outset of a tour of Gulf

Cooperation Council (GCC)

member states to deliver mes-

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Sheikh Sabah on Tuesday sent

message to U.N. Secretary-

General Javier Perez de Cuellar

urging international condemna-

attacks on its shipping.

Iranian threats.

Arabs stage massive strike to protest Israeli discrimination

Israeli troops shoot and wound Nablus woman prevent possible sympathy denormally bustling Nazareth

employment.

NAZARETH (Agencies) -Israel's 700,000-strong Arab monstrations. minority staged an unprecedented general strike on Wednesday in protest at the in support of the general strike, ple is complete," one trader said. Israeli government's discrimination in favour of Jews.

The strike call appeared to be almost totally observed in shops, schools, factories and fields in the main Arab areas of northern Israel, witnesses quoted by Reu-

In the West Bank town of an Arab woman was shot and wounded when Israeli soldiers opened fire on Palestinian demonstrators.

The Israeli army ordered Al Najah University in Nablus and the Abu Dis College of Education outside Jerusalem closed to

Arab merchants throughout the West Bank closed their shops show the unity of the Arab peo-

A spokesman for the Arab strike committee, Nazir Mujali, said Wednesday's stoppage was examinations, who were granted the first step in a protest campaign against discrimination in education, public spending and

'Arab towns get 75 per cent Nablus, shops were closed after . less per head of the population than Jewish communities," told Reuters. "We need 1,500 extra classrooms as a matter of opposed to 460 for Jewish chil-

All shops and restaurants in the

possible further actions. "Unemployment in Israel as a whole is seven per cent, in the Arab sector it's 22 per cent.

were shuttered.

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urgency. The government has Something has to be done. We agreed to build 40 this year as are Israelis like any other citizen and we demand equal treatment.

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boycotted classes with the excep-

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Mr. Mujali demanded govern-

ment action to create jobs for

Israeli Arabs and warned of

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Iraq welcomes superpower effort to end war; Iran rebuffs U.N. bid

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iraqi President Hussein said he be- aggressor" on trial.

President Saddam Hussein was lieved the superpowers did not The five permanent Security quoted on Wednesday as saying he believed the superpowers did not want an international conflict in the Gulf and were seriously trying to halt the Iran-Iraq war. He also said Iran's fighting will was weakening in the war, now nearing the end of its seventh

In an interview with the Yugoslav newspaper Borda and published by the Iraqi press, President Hussein said:

"Despite the intentions of different international parties, we believe there is a general framework within which the big powers are moving more seriously to take resolutions that will try to step the war."

The five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council have drafted a ceasefire proposal, but not yet agreed on backing it up with an arms embargo. The five are the United States, the Soviet Union, China,

want to start an international conflict in the Gulf "because if such a thing happens, it will add new complications for the re-The United States has

Gulf to counter a perceived threat from Iran to international shipping and the export of oil through the strategic waterway. President Hussein said Iraq's fighting will was strengthening

and declining on the other side (Iran)." Iran meanwhile signalled no compromise to the U.N. bid to halt the Gulf war, declaring it would reject any resolution which

did not declare Iraq the Iran's Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi said on Tehran Radio that any U.N. Security Council resolution would be valueless unless it condemned Iraq as the "aggressor" and sugCouncil members have drafted a

ceasefire proposal but have not yet agreed on the threat of an arms embargo to back it up. Mr. Mousavi's hardline statement followed criticism from announced a naval buildup in the

Iran's top defence spokesman Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani that the U.N. did not consult Tehran about the peace bid. Mr. Mousavi said the Security Council had remained silent in the face of "crimes" committed by

Iraq and therefore had no right to express its views on the outcome of the war. He told the radio: "We still

believe in the same thing and that is, we shall oppose any international organisation, whatever it' might be and at whatever level including the Security Council which decides to support a regime by showing bias.'

"Should it follow its (previous) stance, the decisions of this council will have no value and we gested a way of putting the declare this in advance."

EC and GCC back U.N. efforts for peace in Gulf

from the European Community (EC) and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have backed United Nations attempts to end the Iran-Iraq war and to keep shipping lanes in the Gulf open.

In a statement issued after talks here Tuesday night, ministers from the two blocs also repeated their support for an international Middle East peace conference. The informal talks were sche-

duled several months ago to discuss a planned economic pact between the two sides and to exchange views on easing tensions in the Gulf.

They involved ministers from three community countries — Belgium, Britain and Denmark - and from the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Oman and

Saudi Arabia representing the six-nation Gulf council. Diplomats said the two sides remained split on what sort of access to give Gulf states to community markets under an economic pact, although they agreed to

try to open formal negotiations by the end of this year. But the political discussions which dominated the meeting produced large areas of agree-

ment, they said. The statement said the EC and the GCC, "gave their support to the concerted international

efforts aiming at ending the Iran-Iraq war and in particular to the activities of the U.N. secretary general and of the U.N. Security Council." "The ministers emphasised that the freedom of navigation

traffic through the Gulf is of 'utmost importance," it said. U.N. diplomats in New York said Tuesday the five permanent members of the Security Council

and the free flow of oil and other

submitted their ideas for a ceasefire resolution to the council's current elected members. They said the permanent members - Britain, France, China,

the Soviet Union and the United States — were still considering how to back up a demand for a halt to hostilities with a threat of an arms embargo. Belgian Foreign Minister Leo

Tindemans told a news conference early Wednesday morning the EC-GCC meeting had not been intended as a formal negotiating session.

But he said: "It was a step forward in the framework of a developing friendship which will help us arrive at a solution." On the situation in the Gulf.

Mr. Tindemans declined to comment on a U.S. idea of organising a Western naval force to protect

from California. Top Seoul dissident freed; opposition says talks failed

SEOUL (R) — South Korean hopes of a political breakthrough President Chun Doo Hwan reafter two weeks of nationwide leased the country's most prominent dissident from house arrest on Wednesday after a day in which he did little else that pleased his

vocal opposition. More than 100 wildly enthusiastic supporters cheered as police buses pulled away from the nome of veteran dissident Kim Dae-Jung after standing guard there for more than two months. His release is a step forward for anti-government protesters who have staged two weeks of demon-

strations around the country de-

manding free elections and the resignation of President Chun. An end to Mr. Kim's house arrest was also a condition for unprecedented political summit talks that were held on Wednesday between Mr. Chun and Kim Young-Sam, joint leader with Kim Dae-Jung of the hardline opposition Reunification Demo-

cratic Party (RDP). But despite the summit and Mr. Kim's release, prospects for an end to the country's political turmoil looked faint.

Kim Young-Sam called the meeting with Mr. Chun unsatisfactory, and an RDP statement

talked frankly of "failure." Kim Dae-Jung, 63, emerged from his home after his release and greeted reporters and the mob of jubilant supporters.

He said that he, too, was disappointed with the meeting between Mr. Chun and Kim Young-Sam, and he set out opposition goals, including free elections and a referendum to decide on electoral reform.

Mr. Kim, who was put under hosue arrest for founding the RDP, called for the establishment of a pan-national neutral cabinet and caretaker government to run the country until elections. He did not spell out how they shuld be chosen.

Despite Mr. Kim's release.

after two weeks of nationwide street protests against Mr. Chun's strongman rule remained sub-

Kim Young-Sam told reporters immediately after his meeting with Mr. Chun that he could not in conscience advise cancellation of another big day of protest set

for Thursday. The RDP said it, "along with all other democratic forces, would fight to the end to achieve democracy and crush the government's plot to hold on to power

U.S. troubleshooter Gaston Sigur, who arrived here on Tuesday, held lengthy talks with Mr. Chun and his chosen heir Roh Tae-Woo but delayed a scheduled visit to Kim Dae-Jung's house until mid-evening.

After his release, Mr. Kim Dae-Jung declined to disclose details of their discussion. For the 15th straight day there were campus and street disturbances in South Korean cities. Police said nearly 10,000 students

from 40 universities took part, but gave no details of clashes. Meanwhile about 700 workers and students, called up by dissi-dent labour groups, fought running battles with riot police in an industrial southern suburb before being scattered by volleys of tear-

It was the first time that organised labour had become in-volved in the latest wave of antigovernment protests. Trade unions, under strict government control, have so far stayed aloof from the turnoil in the streets.

Students, opposition activists and dissidents from Christian and human rights groups spearheaded the protests, which began in earnest on June 10 when Mr. Roh officially became the government party's candidate to succeed Mr. Chim next February.

soldiers killed or wounded

NICOSIA (AP) - Iran's main opposition group said Wednesday its forces killed or wounded 138 Iranian government troops in attacks on four government milit-

killed in the clashes early Monday in the Dehloran region of west-The Mujahedeen said in the

The communique was telexed

his country. Resistance fighters staged a of the Gulf," Sheikh Sabab told

reporters. framework of consultations

> The GCC groups Kuwait with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates in a regional economic and security alliance. The group have

for backing against threats KUWAIT (Agencies) - Kuwait been exerting individual and collective efforts, and urging Arab, Muslim and international efforts to help end the war between Iran and Iraq.

Ships serving Kuwait, which

lies only kilometres from the

Iran-Iraq war front, have suffered frequent attacks blamed by Gulf shipping sources on Iran. Sheikh Sabah, in his letter to the U.N. chief on Tuesday, said Iran was continuing to escalate the war, "and unleashed direct and repeated threats against

Kuwait through its senior offi-

tion of the Iranian threats against The foreign minister announced on Tuesday Kuwait The "The Kuwaiti moves are aimed would send envoys to 20 Islamic at explaining the serious situation in the Arabian Gulf resulting and Arab states and organisations, from Algeria to Pakistan, from the continuation of the Iranto warn about growing dangers of Iraq war and the threats to the war. navigation in international waters. Minister of State for Foreign

cials."

Affairs Sand Mohammad Al He said the emir, Sheikh Jaber Osaimi returned home Tuesday Al Ahmad Al Sabah, asked him after delivering messages to King Hussein and Syrian President to convey messages to the GCC Hafez Al Assad. leaders over the latest develop-Knwait's resort to American ments in the region "within the and Soviet flag tankers to help

aimed at maintaining the region's move its oil shipments, which would then be entitled to protecstability and security. tion by warships of the U.S. and Soviet navies, has been condemned by Iranian leaders who have heightened their threats against the country.

U.S. reportedly to boost Gulf force with battleship in Gulf

The Pentagon has said it will

add three smaller warships to a

force of one U.S. cruiser, three

frigates and three destroyers now

in the Gulf, but defence officials

refused to discuss further plans.

Representative Charles Ben-

nett, a Florida Democrat, told a

joint hearing of two House sub-committees looking into Mr.

Reagan's plan to put the U.S. flag

on 11 Kuwaiti ships: "This policy

has simply not been well thought

out and it should be withdrawn at

this time in the face of nearly

universal congressional and allied

Congress that would bar or post-

pone the plan to allow the

Kuwaitis to use the American

flag. Democratic leaders, howev-

er, have conceded that Congress

is unlikely to stop the operation.

placing the flag on Kuwaiti ships

from next month could drag U.S.

forces into the seven-year-old

sought protection for its ships

from Iranian attack in the so-

Kuwait, a supporter of Iraq,

"tanker war" in which

Iran-Iraq war.

A number of congressmen fear

Bills have been introduced in

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States plans to bolster its naval escort for ships sailing under the American flag in the Gulf with a World War II battleship capable of countering Iranian missiles, congressional officials said.

The Reagan administration still intends to protect Kuwaiti tankers by allowing them to sail under the American flag in Gulf waters despite persistent congressional scepticism for the idea.

The officials could not confirm a published report that the refitted battleship Missouri will go to the Gulf in July.

"But we are going to send a battleship there. I just don't know which one or exactly when," a knowledgeable congressional official said. "That plan has already been formulated by the U.S. Central Command, based in Tampa, Florida.

The newspaper Newsday reported the Missouri would leave San Francisco in mid-July with three or four escort vessels for the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf.

The newspaper quoted naval and congressional sources as saying the big ship could threaten Iranian shore installations, including possible Silkworm antiship missile sites, if Iran attacked U.S. shipping.

"I will not confirm that report or tell you that it is wrong," an administration official told Reuters. "But plans have been dis-

Critics have also attacked Japan and U.S. ailies in Western Europe for failing to give more support to the operation.

It was on the Missouri, known as the "Mighty Mo," that Japan signed the documents of surrender to the United States on Sept. 2, 1945.

Pentagon and private defence analysts have suggested in the past that the very presence of a heavily armoured battleship, equipped with Harpoon ship-toship missiles and Tomahawk shipto-shore or ship-to-ship missiles, could deter any attack on American shipping.

The U.S. preoccupation with the Gulf has intensified since May when an Iraqi fighter accidentally attacked the U.S. frigate Stark with Exocet missiles.

Congressional officials said the idea of using the 43-year-old Missouri or one of the three other refitted World War II battleships was favoured because its 12-inch steel armour would sustain relatively little damage even from the 1,000-pound high explosive warhead of Iran's Chinese-built Silkworm missiles.

Some military analysts have said a battleship's long-range cruise missiles would be more effective than its 16-inch guns with their 23-mile range because they would allow the ship to fire some 300 vessels have been at Silkworm launch pads while attacked in the Gulf by Iraq or remaining outside the 50-mile Iran since 1984 in a bid to cut off reach of the missiles.

Saudis to search for mines off Kuwait

WASHINGTON (AP) — Saudi Arabia has agreed to search the Gulf off the Kuwaiti coast for Iranian mines and has designated hospitals for American wounded in case of emergencies, a senior U.S. official has said.

The Saudis will use U.S.-made helicopters dragging special sleds through the water to check for the explosives. A team of American specialists is investigating reports that Iran planted mines to damage tankers carrying Western oil supplies, the official said.

However, a U.S. request that the Saudis permit jet fighters to land for fuel is not being discussed, said the official, who demanded anonymity. Diplomatic sources said the Saudis saw no need for U.S. jets to fly aircover for navy vessels patrolling the

Despite close military ties,

leaders of the Arab kingdom have been reluctant to commit themselves to supporting the United States' actions in the Gulf. However, the State Department announced Monday that the Saudis had agreed "in principle" to use AWACS radar planes for joint surveillance of the southern

Saudis will pilot the planes, purchased from the United States in 1981, with Americans making up the rest of the crews. The main aim is to detect Iranian attack

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vessels before they can strike. Kuwait requested the Saudis help in searching for mines and 'the Saudis are positive," the

The official said Iran had not yet deployed approximately twodozen Silkworm anti-ship missiles purchased from China, but that preparations were continuing to install them near the Strait of Hormuz. Western oil supplies pass through the narrow channel, which easily can be spanned by

Despite several U.S. appeals, China has not agreed to hold back additional shipments, theofficial said.

Allied activity useful,

U.S. says

WASHINGTON (AP) — British and French naval activity in the Guif was described by the White House as helpful and useful in the mission of keeping sea lanes

Asked if allied support in the region was discussed at President Ronald Reagan's meeting with Republican members of Congress, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater also said "most of the references were to the French and British long history in the Gulf, they've been there longer than we have."

Eight of the 11 Kuwaiti tankers to be placed under the protection of the American flag have now received U.S. Coast Guard technical certification, the White House said Tuesday.

Some of the eight, however, have not yet met another condition, that their ownership be 51 per cent American, Mr. Fitzwater told his daily news conference. Another unfinished part of the process is getting American cap-

tains for them, he indicated. Mr. Fitzwater said Mr. Reagan would decide the timing of the start of the operation, which has aroused some misgivings in Con-

In London, the Ministry of Defence said Tuesday British warships on patrol in the Gulf have assisted 119 British commercial vessels in passing safely through the Iran-Iraq war zone

Unlike the high-publicity U.S. effort in the wake of the rocketing of the USS Stark, Britain has kept a low profile for the Royal Navy presence in the tense Gulf. British officials decline to use the word "escort" to describe what the two British warships do for British tankers and freighters in

the area.

A high-ranking officer briefed British Defence correspondents anonymously Monday aboard a frigate in London harbour, and the spokesman Tuesday confirmed to the Associated Press that British warships assist commercial vessels by manoeuvring themselves between the vessels and any source of threat.

Bonn to try Hamadei for murder, air piracy

BONN, West Germany (AP) The Bonn cabinet rejected Wednesday a U.S. request to extradite a Lebanese hijack suspect, deciding to try him in West Germany instead, a government source said.

The cabinet, at a morning session, gave the go-ahead for a trial in West Germany of accused hijacker Mohammed Ali Hamadei, the source told the Associated

Government sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the plan was presented to the cabinet by Justice Minister Hans Engelhard and supported by Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

An official announcement of

the government's decision was expected later in the day. The United States will be in-

formed of the cabinet's decision with a formal diplomatic note either later in the day or on Thursday, one well-informed source told the AP.

A spokesman at the U.S. the decision not to extracting the district according to the embassy in Bonn could not be Hamadei, the sources told the cources. reached immediately for com- Associated Press.

opposed this plan," the Bonn government source told the AP. The source said Hamadei will be put on trial on charges of

murder and air piracy as well as

possession of dangerous explo-You can assume that Mr. Hamadei will face with murder, hijacking and explosive charges," he added.

Documents relating to the case have been passed to the Frankfurt prosecutor, who is already investigating, the source said. He could not say when charges would be filed, but said he expected "it

will not take long."
U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese, making a one-day visit to Bonn on the eve of the announcement, told West German officials that Washington would accept

Hamadei, a 23-year-old Shi'ite "No one in the cabinet Muslim, is wanted in the United States on charges of air piracy and murder in connection with the June 1985 hijacking of a

TWA airliner to Beirut. Hamadei is accused of being one of four hijackers who killed a U.S. navy diver who was a passenger aboard the aircraft and held 39 other Americans prisoner for 17 days.

The government sources, speaking on condition of anouy-mity, said Mr. Meese had sought assurances from Bonn's interior and justice ministers that Hamadei would be tried for murder and air piracy in West Ger-

Mr. Meese was apparently concerned West German officials would try Hamadei on relatively minor charges out of fear for the safety of two German hostages

Frankfurt airport on Jan. 13, when a customs official disco-

vered he was carrying liquid explosives. Justice Minister Hans Engelhard indicated Hamadei would be tried on the serious charges he would face if he were extradited

to the United States. "It is in our mutual interest that the more serious crimes are addressed," he told reporters after a two-hour luncheon meeting

with Mr. Meese. Mr. Meese declined to comment on the substance of his meetings, saying that West Germany must first announce its finaldecision on Wednesday.

The United States requested Hamadei's extradition shortly after he was arrested in Frankfurt. At first, West German officials indicated the request was likely to be granted.

Iran arms sales fuelled Gulf war — U.S. official

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. Defence officials have said they had opposed the secret sale of American weapons to Iran for fear of opening the floodgates for sales by other nations, prolonging the Iran-Iraq war and endanger-ing U.S. interests in the Middle

Henry Gaffney, director at the Defence Security Assistance Agency, which controls foreign weapons sales, testified to congressional hearings on the Iran arms scandal that the sale of Hawk and Tow missiles to Tehran probably had intensified the Iran-Iraq war, now almost seven years old.

Noel Koch, former chief terrorism official at the Defence Department, said that Defence officials up to Secretary Caspar Weinberger were upset at the Reagan administration's secret plan to sell the weapons to Iran in hopes of improving relations and winning the release of U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

Gaffney wrote a memo for top-ranking defence officials in November 1985 when the sales began in which he warned that "if the sale became known, all bars would be removed from sales by such countries as Spain, Portugal, Greece, U.K. (the United Kingdom), Italy and FRG (Federal Republic of Germany), countries \$14,000 security system

who are only barely restrained from overt, large sales to Iran

"If Israel were used as the laundering country (through which the U.S. weapons were shipped), they would be greatly encouraged to continue selling to Iran, and to expand their sales," he wrote.

Mr. Koch testified: "They (the Israelis) needed no encouragement to sell to Iran. The Israelis were selling to Iran on a regular

He said the Israelis, with whom he negotiated weapons deals, were eager to see the U.S. sell arms in hopes of prolonging the war to keep Iraq occupied.

Meanwhile a witness at the congressional hearings for the Iran-contra scandal said Tuesday fired White House aide Oliver North sought to conceal a gift of an expensive security system for his home.

Another witness said that Col. North's Iran-contra operation ally, Richard Secord, had mysteriously received deposits of half a million dollars in a defence fund. Testifying at the reopening of

congressional hearings on the scandal that has rocked the Reagan administration, security consultant Glenn Robinette said Col. North was provided with a

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U.S. dismisses reports that Turkey reviewing NATO role

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States has dismissed reports that Turkey would reconsider its NATO membership following a European Parliament resolution charging that Armenians had been genocide victims.

"We have seen the press reports about President (Kenan) Evren's speech but we've not seen the text," State Department spokeswoman Phylis Oakley told reporters.

"We have no reason to question Turkey's continued participation as an active and loyal member of NATO" she said. Gen. Even, in a speech in the central town of Sivas, Monday

said: "It would be useful to sit

down and review once again Turkey's membership of NATO." Gen. Evren, quoted by state radio, accused some NATO countries, which he did not name, of helping Kurdish rebels.

Turkish leaders have said last

Thursday's vote by the Strasbourg-based European Parliament encouraged the rebels who massacred 30 villagers in south east Turkey at the weekend. .

The parliament recognised Armenian claims that their people were victims of genocide in Kurdish conflict.

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ments have denied the genocide charge and campaigned vigorous-ly against the view that then Ottoman Turkey sought to wipe out the Armenians after 1915.

Political analysts in Istanbul said Gen. Evren's threat on North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) membership re-flected his displeasure that some of its members, mainly Greece, had accepted the resolution against Turkey.

They said it also reflected Gen. Evren's view that Turkey's importance within NATO was not appreciated by fellow members in the European Parliament.

Turkey has the second largest armed forces in NATO after the United States and borders the Soviet Union, Iran, Iraq, Syria and Bulgaria. On Tuesday Turkey asked

European Community (EC) members to dissociate themselves from a European Parliament re-

State radio said EC ambassadors were called to the Foreign Ministry in Ankara and told of Turkey's reaction to last week's resolution. Turkish political leaders and

eastern Turkey in World War I the media have reacted strongly and referred in passing to the two the resolution; which referred Successive Turkish govern-Turkey.

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An art exhibition by Omar Besoul at the Housing Bank Centre's gallery

* An exhibition of plastic art by Hiyam Abaza and Huda Qasem at the Royal Cultural Centre (until June 25).

Posters on French song and non-stop video concerts at the French Cultural Centre (until July 1)

"The Graduate" — A special video presentation at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the American Centre.

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"Children's Heritage and Science Museum," Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and cos-

Morning Show Contd.
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Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic ost of the . tries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Munta-zah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.-6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

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p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Am-Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534,

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590. Church of the Ammunication (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.

De la Saille Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

Terrassanta Church (Roman Catholic),
Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30
p.m. Tel: 622366
Church of the Annunciation (Greek
Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Annuan, Tel. 625383.

Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich,
Tel. 771331.

an Orthodox Church Ashra-Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fieh, Tel. 775261.

St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Ortho-dox) Ashrafieh, Tel. 771751.

Ammenia International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 671534 67/534. Evangelical Lutheran Church Jabal Amman, 6th Circle, (Rev. N. Smir), Tel. 811295.

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Israelis tighten rules for children crossing bridges

NEWS IN BRIEF

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian delegation is going to Sudan next month in order to study agricultural projects in which Jordan

can participate. The delegation will be led by Dr. Abdul Salam Al

Abbadi who is chairman of a national committee for the support

of the Sudanese people, who have been facing drought and famine. Dr. Abbadi said that the delegation will spend 10 days in Sudan to assess areas where help can be provided.

Fayez receives African parliament report

AMMAN (Petra) - Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament

Akef Al Fayez has received a report on the outcome of the

African Parliamentary Union meeting which was held between April 13 and 17. The report outlined the economic subjects of

concern to Africa that were discussed at the meeting and

recommendations to various member countries on ways of easing

economic difficulties through various forms of cooperation. The

report, sent to Mr. Fayez in his capacity as current chairman of

the Arab Parliamentary Union, speaks also of efforts being made

by African states to ensure food security and promote agricultural production and combat diseases that affect crops.

BAGHDAD (Petra) --- Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign

Minister Tareq Aziz received Wednesday newly appointed

Jordanian ambassador to Iraq, Helmi Al Lawzi, and received a copy of his credentials. Mr. Aziz praised the existing brotherly

ties linking Jordan and Iraq. Mr. Lawzi conveyed to Mr. Aziz the greetings and best wishes of Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

AMMAN (I.F.) - The Health Ministry is preparing to carry out an intensive awareness grogramme in the Kingdom on primary health care, according to Dr. Mohammad Sharim, director of health education at the Ministry of Health. He said that the health

centres in different governorates will contribute to his programme

by providing education on family and children care, medical care

for pregnant women and advice on nutrition. He said that the

AMMAN (Petra) — A total of seven people were killed and 180 others injured as a result of 218 road accidents in the Kingdom

over the past week. A statement by the Public Security Department said that 137 of these accidents occurred in the Amman region and the rest were in Zarqa, Balqa, Irbid, Karak, Ma'an, Aqaba, Badia, Mafraq and Tafileh.

programme will be put into effect early next month.

7 killed in week's road accidents

Arabs stage massive strike

(Continued from page 1) If today's protest doest not get

action from the government there will be more strikes," he said.

In a radio interview, minister

without portfolio Moshe Arens

acknowledged inequalities but

contended that the strike was

Mr. Mujali responded: "The

communists do have a place on

the strike committee together

with representatives of a number

of other political groups including the Israel Labour Party. The de-

cision was agreed unanimously."

"Insofar as the problems facing Israeli Arabs are political, then

you can say our struggle is political, but not partisan. The Arab

people simply want their rights,"

Mayor Hashem Mahamid of

the town of Umm Al Fahoum

said the day-long strike was to

demand more government spend-ing on schools, health and other

more classrooms, changes in the educational system... and

services in Arab villages. "We are demanding 1,500

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nian government Wednesday age born outside the occupied issued an appeal to all nations to help persuade the Israeli author-ities to desist from further complicating matters for the Palesti-nian people visiting their relatives or returning to their homes in the occupied territories.

A statement issued by the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs said that Israel was resorting to practices that contradict international conventions and

The israelis are requesting that children above five years of age should acquire permits or passports separate from those of their parents who are residents of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, if those children were born outside the occupied territories, and have not yet been included in the parents' documents, the statement said.

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AMMAN (Petra) - The Jorda - Children under five years of territories and not registered in the documents of the parents should, according to Israeli measures, bring with them birth certificates and also should be inciuded in the parents' passports before they can be allowed to enter, the statement added.

> The statement said that children under five years old were in the previous years permitted to enter provided they only held birth certificates. This measure is seen by the Jordanian government as another attempt for further complicating matters for Arab visitors and adding to the sufferings of the Palestinian people, the statement said.

> The statement also urged all traveliers to try and bring all the required documents so as to avoid any inconvenience.



Her Majesty Queen Noor chairs a meeting Wednesday of the Higher National Committee set up to prepare for the Jerash Festival. The committee endorsed final arrangements for the festival, including the programme of activities and the

Queen chairs meeting endorsing programme for Jerash Festival

arrangements for the sixth Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts were endorsed Wednesday by the festival's Higher National Committee (HNC), meeting under the chairmanship of Her Majesty

Queen Noor. At the meeting, held at the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF), the committee members approved the programme for the festival, and finalised arrangements for the opening, which will take place on July 8.

A NHF press release said that the opening show will include performances by the Jordanian Armed Forces Band, varieties of folk art presented by a number of Jordanian troupes, and the tradi- stria to take part in the festival, in

tional torch-lighting ceremony which marks the official opening addition to musical groups from of the 23-day annual event.

In a related development, Tunisia Wednesday announced that it will join the various na-Also performing on the first night will be several dance and tions represented at the Jerash music troupes from various coun-Festival by providing two nationtries. There will be a variety of al folk troupes. children's programmes, the press

A statement by the Ministry of Culture in Tunis said that the festival will be a good opportunity for the two troupes to learn about other Arab and foreign traditions and art.

will be performing. She said that contacts were made with groups from Egypt, Tunisia, the United States, the United Kingdom,

On Saturday, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Information Michael Hamarneh will hold a press conference at which he will present details about the Jerash

UNESCO panel reviews working papers

AMMAN (Petra) — Delegates to an educational conference being held in Amman under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Wednesday reviewed two working papers on developing education programmes in the Arab

Dr. Abdul Qader Al Akhras, from UNESCO's office in

since the Abu Dhabi UNESCOsponsored conference on educa-

According to Mrs. Toujan

Faisal, director of the cultural

programmes at NHF which is

organising the festival, young

groups of musicians aged 16-17

West Germany, France and Au-

He said that UNESCO had contributed towards the implementation of more than 50 educational programmes in the Arab region at the cost of \$40 million.

The papers also dwelt on the planning of educational policies in the Arab World,

Dr. Akhras referred to education in the occupied Arab term-

tories and said that UNESCO had been active in promoting education in general and vocational training in particular and also in assisting to West Bank universities in the form of equipment, scholarships and audiovisual aids.

Dr. Abdul Wahed Yousef from the UNESCO regional office in Amman presented a working paper outlining the organisation's programmes for eradicating illiteracy by the year 2,000.

EC group visits Sahab city, reviews investment climate

vered education, industry, ener-

gy, public utilities, health and

tourism, scientific cooperation,

agriculture and public utilities.

According to a press release by the Delegation of the European

Commission in Amman, the EC

intends to sign a third financial protocol, covering the period 1987-1991, providing \$111 million

to the Kingdom for industrial

projects. This assistance is in

addition to that provided to Jor-

dan on a bilateral basis by the

individual EC member states, the

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — The European Community's (EC) interest in contributing to Jordan's industrial development was manifested again Wednesday with a visit to the Sahab Industrial City by the head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Jordan, Mr. Romano Lantini, and seven envoys of the EC nations accredited to Jordan.

Mr. Lantini, accompanied by
The funds have been used by
the British, French, Italian, BelJordan for projects which cogian, and Spanish ambassadors, together with the charge d'affaires of West Germany and Greece, visited the industrial city located south east of the capital and met with Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher and the director of the Jordanian Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC), Dr. Fayez Suheimat.

Dr. Muasher and Dr. Suheimat both briefed the group on the industrial city and its programmes and operations and explained the various incentives offered to investors by Jordan.

Dr. Muasher answered questions about exemptions for investors embarking on development projects and also accompanied the guests on a tour of the industrial city which includes a vocational training centre and an exhibition of local industries.

The Sahab Industrial City has been the focus of financial and technical assistance from the EC. Financial contributions for the establishment of the city, which began operations in 1984, were drawn from loans provided by the European Investment Bank (EIB). The EC helped finance a workshop and training equipment for the new vocational training centre. A team of training advisers from the EC has been working in the city. In addition, the EC has provided management, promotion and financial expertise to the JIEC to assist in various aspects of industrial production at the Sahab Industrial City.

Contributions to Jordan's industrial development were made available through two financial protocols. The first protocol, covering the years 1977 to 1981, made available \$45 million to Jordan. The second, covering the 1981-86 period, provided \$71 mil-

It said that three loans from the European Investment Bank, amounting to \$16.4 million, were made available to help establish and expand the infrastructural development of the Sahab Industrial City which is owned and operated by the JIEC.

A grant of \$396,000 has been

provided to finance a technical assistance programme at Sahab with a team of advisers to assist in the various aspects of accounting, cost recovery and marketing of the fully serviced factory sites at the industrial zone.

In addition, the release said, a \$1.1. million grant has been agreed on by the EC to provide workshop equipment and training assistance to the vocational cen-

Last month, a delegation from the European Investment Bank visited the Sahab Industrial City and inspected various installations. They also met Jordanian government officials to discuss EC aid to Jordan.



Minister of Industry and Trade Rajai Muasher (right) meets with a group from European Community (EC) countries at Sahab Industrial City on Wednesday. The group was beaded by Mr. Romano Lantini (left), head of the Delegation of the European Commission in Jordan, as well as envoys from EC member countries accredited to Jordan, and the director of the Jordanian Industrial Estates Corporation, Dr. Fayez Suheimat.

Arab book exhibition to be held

AMMAN (Petra) — Syria, Iraq, Kuwait and Egypt will be participating in a book exhibition which will be held during the sixth Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts due to start on July 8. The Department of Libraries, Documentation and National Archives (DLDNA) director general, Dr. Ahmad Sharkas, said that large collections of new books and publications on various subjects will be displayed and sold to the public at reduced prices.

al situation in the Arab World

Kirwait, presented the papers in which he reviewed the education-

Pilgrim registration ends today

AMMAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs announced that today is the last ay for registration of pilgrims to Mecca and Medina this year.

The ministry issued a statement urging all those wishing to perform the pilgrimage to register their names with the consortium of companies charged with transporting the pilgrims to and from Saudi Arabia and to present their

ministry

The ministry has engaged a group of companies which will take charge of transporting the pilgrims and guaranteeing accommodation for them during the pilgrimage season.

Normally the Ministry of Aw-qaf and Islamic Affairs supplies health missions and guides to Saudi Arabia and to present their help the pilgrims on the way to documents for the trip to the Saudi Arabia and back.

icography (study of words) and

the teaching of written and spoken English, Mr. Kennedy

Mr. Kennedy, whose four-day visit to Jordan was sponsored by the British Council and the Uni-

versity of Jordan, also held talks

with senior officials from the

Royal Scientific Society (RSS) on

a project to set up a comprehen-

sive data base on the Arabic

He said he was "very much

encouraged" by the positive re-

sponse to the proposal from the RSS as well as the University of

Jordan. The data-base project is

expected to be the forerunner for producing an Arabic-language dictionary and other publications

in specialised fields in linguistics.

'Fruitful' talks end between Birmingham, Jordan universities

AMMAN (J.T.) — A representative of the University of Birming—Jordanians in translation, lexham in Britain wound up talks Wednesday with University of Jordan officials on cooperation between the two universities and described the outcome of the discussions as "highly positive and fruitful."

of the University of Birming-ham's English Language and In the occupied territories, Arabs joined the strike to protest occupation policies, including the recent arrests of dozens of Palestinians, some of whom were Literature Department, said the talks produced agreement to pursue further contacts to establish an academic link between the two ordered detained six months without trial. universities in English language An army spokesman con-firmed 50-year-old Yusra Mahmud Tabbouq was wounded teachers training courses at masters and doctorate levels. The financial aspects of the proposed link have not yet been discussed and finalised, Mr. Kennedy said.

in a confrontation with soldiers in the West Bank's largest city of The Palestine Press Service, an Arab Jerusalem-based news

Mr. Mahamid said the Arabs were also protesting the planned

razing of hundreds of Arab

houses built without licenses.

Many Arabs build homes illegally

because of complicated proce-

dures to obtain permits and res-

trictive Israeli zoning plans for

Arab villages.

agency, said Mrs. Tabbouq was taken to a hospital in Nablus after being shot by soldiers during a protest near the outdoor market-

Israel's Itim news agency re-ported thousands of Arab workers on strike in most Arab villages and towns in the northern Galilee, including Nazareth.

Ministry: Cereal production less than predicted in '87

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Agriculture announced it expects Jordan's production of cereals will only reach 136,000 tonnes this year; less than expected by ministry experts at the beginning of the harvest season.

The areas of cooperation be-

tween the two institutions discus-

sed during his visit here included

Ministry Under Secretary Dr. Salem Al Lawzi said Jordan is expected to produce 100,000 tonnes of wheat, 30,000 tonnes of barley and 6,000 tonnes of lentils this season, figures very near to the country's annual cereal production rate.

Dr. Lawzi said large areas in southern Jordan which normally grow cereals did not receive sufficient rain, while part of the northeastern regions, especially the followed by early heat last centres.

Harvest has begun mostly in the southern and eastern regions of the Kingdom and the Ministry of Agriculture said last week the Disi and Sahl Al Suwwan areas, semi-desert lands leased to local companies for development, are expected to yield 3,000 tonnes.

Other state-owned land used for cereal production was leased in the same area to three local companies. Studies are under way for leasing land for a similar project in Azraq area.

According to Dr. Lawzi, a ministry committee charged with purchasing cereals from local farmers has met to discuss purchases of cereals to be conducted through the Jordan Valley, Irbid, Mafraq Governorate, were through the Jordan Valley, Irbid, adversely affected by a cold wave Jweideh and Karak purchasing

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changes in budgets to Arab cities," Mr. Mahamid told Israeli Iraqis hit Turkish ship in Gulf

(Continued from page 1) Iraq ended a month-long moratorium on such attacks on Saturday when its jets hit the Maltese tanker Tenacity at

Kharg, Iran's main oil terminal. In Ankara, Foreign Ministry spokesman Inal Batu said Iraqi Ambassador Tariq Abdul Jabber Jawad had been summoned to the ministry and representations made to him. The ambassador did not reply, but was expected to convey the Turkish view to

We have our own information that Iraq carried out the attack," Batu said.

The military spokesman in Baghdad also said Iraqi warplanes flew 22 combat missions against Iranian ground targets along the front during Wednesday.

The spokesman reported only "minor skirmishes" against Ira-nian fighters in Iraqi Kurdistan, where Tehran claims it has been winning victories in a five-day-old

"Iran's claim about alleged fighting in the area is an attempt to cover up the heavy losses its forces sustained," an Iraqi spokesman said earlier in a Baghdad Radio broadcast.

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Raising the temperature

AS Washington spokesmen repeat that an attack on Iran's Silkworm missiles is under consideration, the United States is consciously raising the temperature in the Gulf. It cannot be said to be intensifying a conflict which has already seen such appalling staughter, but it has added a new dimension by making big power involvement and the internationalisation of the war a real and immediate possibility.

It makes little difference that the signals from Washington are confused and contradictory. Attacking the missile silos is only one of several options under consideration and in any case depends upon the missiles being deployed. But Senators Warner and Glenn have made clear their belief that a pre-emptive strike is likely to be necessary as soon as the missiles are deployed in a way that could block the Straits of Hormuz. The chairman of the U.S. chiefs of staff, Admiral Crowe. on the other hand, has said he thinks that the U.S. navy escorting Kuwaiti tankers under the U.S. flag should be sufficient protection. He believes it would not be a high risk operation and although the U.S. cannot rule out Iran escalating the war, he maintains Iran has been "even more cautious than previously" since the Iraqi Exocet attack on the U.S. ship.

Meanwhile. President Reagan, with his description of Iran as "barbaric," has abandoned any pretence of U.S. neutrality in the war. Clearly a Libyan-style operation against Iran is something that he would consider and, as before, once the threat has been made, it is difficult for the U.S. not to take some positive action. It is no wonder that many congressmen, Republican as well as Democrat, have

become deeply alarmed at the trend.

It is hardly surprising that the other Gulf states are uncertain in their response to an American policy which is so unclear. Superficially, Kuwait has most reason to be satisfied with the trend. By threatening to turn to the USSR — an option which it is still maintaining — it has elicited the American offer to give 11 of its tankers the protection of the U.S. flag. But even Kuwait must fear the possibility of a pre-emptive strike against Iran. Other GCC members are probably aghast. Since it is difficult and dangerous to manoeuvre aircraft carriers in the Gulf, an anti-missile strike would have to be launched from land bases. It is most unlikely that Saudi Arabia or Oman would accept the enormous risks this would entail, for Bahrain and the UAE it would be out of the question.

As the Irangate hearings rumble on there is also the question of U.S. sincerity in its decision to grasp the Iranian nettle. If U.S. policy has shifted from Iraq to Iran and back again could it not make one more shuttle? At present the U.S. is trying to reassure its disgruntled Arab friends but this may not remain a priority for long. These doubts are helping to delay what is now the most logical and sensible step - a Security Council resolution calling for a ceasefire and arms embargo. Some of the necessary elements for this are there. The U.S. and USSR are now quite close in their views on the Gulf although they both still shrink from overt cooperation. Britain and France would not be obstacles and even China claims that it is really North Korea which is supplying the Silkworms. The truth of this statement is less important than the fact that it was made. But a Security Council resolution opearance of evenrendering Iran even more stubborn. The trouble is that for some years only Iran has been rejecting a ceasefire. But it might be possible to introduce the question of responsibility for starting the war. The Iraqis have said that they are quite prepared to put their case on this point. The time has come to put this to the test — Middle East

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: Shultz' State Department

OBSERVERS of American policies can easily discover that the U.S. State Department under George Shultz has not achieved any real successes. They can also see that the defiance and arrogance and shortsightedness have continued to characterise America's policies under Shultz. The setbacks which the Reagan administration has been dealt over the past years on the domestic front gave the State Department a free hand to handle all aspects of foreign policy in a manner that does not lend any regard to the reaction of world public opinion. Such instance of America's foreign policy can be seen in the latest State Department statement which regarded the Soviet Union as an unqualified party to take part in the proposed Middle East peace conference. Of course the international community scoffs at such statement, but we have to point to this shortsightedness on the part of a superpower like the United States and its harmful consequences on international relations. It should be said that no lasting peace, stability or security can be achieved if they are to be worked out in harmony with the policies of the State Department in Washington which supports injustice and aggression and also hegemony on other nations. If Washington does not want the Palestinians, China and the Soviet Union to attend the conference, nor does it want a European role in such an affair there will be no conference which can achieve peace.

Al Dustour: Campaigning for peace or

elections?

ISRAELI Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's current tour of European capitals is aimed at promoting the Israeli-version of an international peace conference, one that is considered naive; and a ridiculous attempt to peddle the ideas of the Israeli Labour Party. Peres has not been able to persuade the Likud bloc, Labour's partner in the present coalition government, with his ideas and has not been able to call for a general election in Israel to determine this issue. The countries that Peres is visiting have all declared support for an international conference to achieve peace between Israel and the Arab countries, and these countries do not obstruct efforts for peace and do not adopt an intransigent position similar to that of Israel in this respect. If any campaign is to be launched to enlist support for the conference it should be held inside Israel which continues to obstruct peace efforts. Therefore, Peres is representing no more than himself in his current tour; and according to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Peres's ideas carry no official government view. In fact, Peres is obsessed with the idea of presenting himself as a caller for peace and so he undertook the European tour and is pursuing his aimless talks with European leaders. We believe that European government leaders would not be taken in by any ideas which Israel is now presenting to them; and we consider the Brussels declaration as a general framework for Europe's policies regarding the situation in the Middle

Muslims, Arabs and 'The Dingo Principle'

By Dr. Ibrahim Ata

sciences at Australian universities, is the author of several books and articles on Arab and Muslim immigrants to Australia. He often contributes to the Jor-

"THE Dingo Principle's" recent portrayal of Muslims, and particularly the Ayatollah, is not merely an example of hard hitting Australian satire but a symptom of a body of theory and practice which is unfortunately far too prevalent in the Western media when it deals with Muslims and The web of racism, socio-cultu-

ral stereotyping, and dehumanising ideology against both Muslims and Arabs remains strong, and its expression is rarely subtle.

Among things that "The Dingo Principle" failed to note is that whatever the execesses of the Iranian regime today, the regime before Khomeini was far more systematically oppressive. The execesses of the Savak, the Shah's secret police, were rarely reported with the same kind of details. Having said that, one is alarmed at many things that are still occurring in that country. The depiction of Khomeini might not be offensive in itself if it is seen in the context of satirical tradition, but the frustration of

The writer, a lecturer of social Arabs and Muslims with such portrayals is understandable. Often it must seem to them that narrow, bigoted interpretations of their way of life are the only ones made available to Westerners by the media.

> In a recent survey with a colleague (at Hawthorn Institute) of 400 year — 12 students in 28 schools in Victoria a sizable portion (56.1 per cent) noted that their main source of information concerning Muslims and Arabs is television and films. This is quite depressing for a number of reasons, but primarily as television has become such an effective arbiter of right and wrong. It has also become both the judge and the jury of what does or does not appeal to the average Australian. During the past five years numerous films which have depicted typical anti-Muslim and anti-Arab stereotypes have proliferated in Australia's commercial cinemas and on TV channels. Such recent films as "Protocol," "Jewel of the Nile," "Never Say Never Again," "Bolero," "Best Defence," "Sahara," 'Cannon-

threatening the Western way of life. Suddenly the image of the Muslim-Arab parallels the image of a Jew in pre-Nazi Germany. Even in a seemingly harmless comedy such as "Blazing Sad-dles" Arabs appear side by side with Nazi soldiers.

Studies showing the effect of television on public opinion, and to some extent the formation of

foreign policy, are abundunt. Arabs do not fare any better in the Australian press than they do in television and films. Its treatment of this religious/racial group has reduced them to two images: Firstly as more or less primitive and bloodthirsty terrorists; and secondly that of irresponsible and corrupt billionaires. Portrayal of Arabs and Muslims has generally been a potpourri of prejudices, incorrect data and ommission.

In an article featured in The Age (May 14, 1987) with a sketch of the Ayatollah kneeling in a traditional Islamic way next to a grim skeleton of his, and armed with a rifle, a sword, and carrying an evil looking bird, the following question is raised: "But how far from reality was the sketch?" ... Quoting Amnesty International report the article reads: "Most executions are by hanging or fir-

The above is part of an advertisement for an Australian mini-series TV programme.

> prescribed for various sexual offences and is deliberately designed to cause pain before death - by law the stones used must not be too large in case the person dies after being hit by one or two of them.'

> Whilst all this may be true, the Western press ashamedly failed to report that the Savak was responsible for 60,000 deaths in 1978. When an Australian female traveller who was raped during the same year by a Savak member complained to the police she was told that she has the "right" to marry the raper or simply get out of the country. Not only was "The Dingo Prin-

ciple" in poor taste, it was marred by ignorance, racism, hostility and myopic thinking. It was an

attack on a country's right to base cultural traditions. In The Auexecutive producer exclaimed: Satire is always going to offend satirists should be more sensitive. You can't do satire if you have to look over your shoulder. It becomes censorial."

Notes The Builetin (12.5.1987): "In their Shi'ite version of revolutionary Islam the Tehran Mullahs do not make customary Western distinctions between religion and politics ... But there is one basic, and novel. difference between the Iranian revolution and the other revolutionary upheavals of this century. It's quite literally, not of this world ... Its realisation is subjec-

Death a fulfillment." The Ayatollah as depicted by The Dingo Principle" is certainly a cartoon character. Stock cartoonists like to be considered satirists, they can also be absorbed in a brief glance by tens of thousands of readers not willing to search for cultural and religious realities.

tive. Abnegation is a reward.

is the Muslim/Arab. Their preva- and progress.

lence and visibility in comics and its laws on its religious and socio- cartoons has become part of an unquestionable daily reality in stralian (29.4.1987) the show's Australia. A typical caricature is the face of a Muslim with dark glasses, long hooked nose and someone ... I don't think our unkempt beard. One example of this stereotype appeared in The Age Dec. 15, 1986). A sheikh with an evil smile and wearing a dagger stares lecherously at a blonde dressed in a bikini, and isencouraged by his maharaja. friend who intones: "There is no

rest for the wicked." By associating Arabs and Muslims with satanic evil the Austra lian and other Western media; promote a pattern of racist scapegoating, as the world has witnessed knows no barriers or

Indeed, in many ways, the word Muslim has become an abstraction, a projection, a malevolent invention, a tool of suppres-

This article will certainly not change the nature of the rela-tionship between Muslim communities and those who inflicted injustice on them, but it is both a just outcry and a fulfillment of Edward Said's Orientalism A survey of Melbourne's prophecy that Islam once again is largest comic shop shows that the being forced into apologetic form most vilified and targetted group of a plea for Islam's humanism

Soviets extend influence in Gulf, Middle East

By Ed Blanche The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — The Soviet

Union, exploiting an erratic U.S. foreign policy, is spreading its influence in the Gulf.

And despite Washington's insistence that a U.S. naval presence in the Gulf is vital to freedom of navigation, U.S. officials have stressed the need to counter Soviet advances in the Gulf and the Arab World in general.

President Ronald Reagan, commenting on the need for a U.S. presence to protect shipping from Iranian attacks in the war against Iraq, stressed: "If we don't do it, the Soviets will."

The Soviets have been quietly making diplomatic inroads in the Gulf for some time.

But the pace and intensity has quickened amid both the impasse in U.S. efforts to find a settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict, and last November's disclosure of secret U.S. arms sales to Iran with Israel's help.

The U.S. arms sales, a violation of Washington's stated policy, sent shock waves through the Arab World, particularly the traditonally Western-oriented Gulf states. These countries, fearful of an Iranian victory in the war against Iraq, were appalled to find the Americans arming Iran.

Congress increased Arab unease by refusing to approve the sale of sophisticated weapons to moderate Arab states such as Saudi Arabia and Jordan on the tankers, after the Emirate regrounds they could be used against Israel or fall into terrorist

turned to Western Europe and the Soviet union for their hard-

ball II," "The Ambassador," St. E mo's Fire," "Iron Ball," and

"Delta Force" are only a few of

those which depict Muslims and

Arabs as lecherous, terrorists,

lazy, primitive, corrupt, evil or

Many Western analysts believe that the balance of influence in the region is moving inexorably in the Soviets' favour.

U.S. senator Daniel Moynihan said of Soviet encroachment: "The great geopolitical prize of the 20th century is now within their grasp."

In recent months, Moscow has scored several significat gains:

- The Soviets played a key role in reuniting Yasser Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organisation with Syrian-backed radicals and in pressing Syrian President Hafez Assad to reconcile with Arafat, ending a four-year split.

- The Soviets, along with Saudi Arabia and Jordan, are the driving force behind renewed efforts to reconcile President Assad and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, two of Moscow's main Arab friends. The nine-year rift is blocking a long-delayed Arab summit.

 Moscow has patched up relations with Egypt, once its closest Arab ally and lately a key U.S. friend, 15 years after the late President Anwar Sadat threw the Soviets out. Moscow has resterms, while the Americans still are haggling with Cairo over a \$4.5 billion military debt.

- Moscow quickly moved to help Kuwait protect its shipping in the Gulf war, leasing it three quested superpower assistance. Ú.S. moves to reflag Kuwaiti tankers under the stars and Now some Arab states have stripes have been delayed be-

cause of congressional opposition, further undermining Arab confidence in Washington.

ing squad. Stoning to death is

- The Soviets have in the last 18 months opened diplomatic relations with Oman and the United Arab Emirates in the Gulf.

Diplomats in the Gulf believe it is only a matter of time before Moscow establishes links with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar. It has long had relations with Kuwait.

For the last 50 years, the theocratic Saudis, guardians of Islam's holiest shrines, have denounced the Soviet system, which officially preaches atheism, as the enemy of all Muslims.

More recently, the Saudis have condemned the Soviet invasion of Muslim Afghanistan. But that criticism has become more muted amid Soviet assertions that it wants to leave Afghanistan. King Fahd's eldest son, Prince

Faisal, and Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer have visited

Senior Soviet officials have been criss-crossing the Arab World in recent months in an ever-increasing diplomatic drive by the Kremlin.

Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said during a Gulf tour in April that the region is of "paramount political importance to the foreign policy of the Soviet Union, which endeavours to develop relations with all states in the region."

The Soviets have long viewed the Gulf as strategic to their interests, paying special attention to Iran.

The Gulf has largely been insu-lated from Soviet influence since

World War II, and the Soviets have sought for decades to break the Western monopoly of influence in the region.

The Gulf assumed even greater importance for the Soviet Union, the world's largest oil producer. because Moscow is expected to become an importer of oil by the end of the century.

Despite Iranian criticism of the Soviet Union, Moscow has fared better than the United States in improving relations with Tehran.

The Soviets, by keeping their naval presence in the Gulf to a minimum, have kept their options open with Tehran while the Americans have moved into confrontation with the Islamic re-

"We don't believe the Russians are following the American experience very closely," Iran's official news agency quoted a foreign ministry official in Tehran as saying recently.

"We believe the Soviets are more pragmatic than the Americans, who have tested their involvement in the region and received blows from the militant Muslim people."

Militarily, the Soviet navy's pacific fleet, whose zone of operations includes the Indian Ocean, the Arabian Sea and the Gulf, has been built up with aircraft carriers, missile cruisers and submarines.

These give it a qualitative edge in some classes of warship over

the U.S. navy in the region.

The Soviet fleet is limited by a lack of land bases. But it remains a powerful force in an area where the oil lifelines of the West and Japan are vulnerable.

LETTERS

JTV ratings

To the Editor:

YOUR weekly Saturday review of JTV's foreign programmes is a greatly appreciated service by all viewers. However, the inclusion of an addendum to complement this review would, I presume, render it more interesting and useful.

Allow me, in this regard, to suggest that you start introducing,

with the cooperation of JTV, a rating system for the different programmes, or at least for films, bestsellers, and plays.

The rating process may be carried out by grading or placing symbols next to the programmes titles in the form of stars, figures, or any other appropriate signs. Therefore, the more stars a programme gets the better it must be. Thus, the viewers will get a hint on the quality of the imposed programmes, and consequently be able to choose the ones that most satisfy their tastes and intellects, and disregard the less rewarding.

The following is an example of a suggested rating pattern (using ्राप्ति । जन्मे कुर्युक्तान्ति स्त्री स्त्राओं

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The prerequisites to such a rating system are the "objective"

consideration of the following:

A. The quality of production.

B. The story or subject matter.

D. The filming quality and techniques. E. The music. F. Other factors the viewers deem important.

Finally, a further relevant suggestion would be to ask The Jordan Times to launch, from time to time on its pages, questionnaires requesting the readers' appraisals of the rating process. The feedback received would undoubtedly reflect their agreement or disagreement with the rating's standard and

accuracy, and will help its future improvement. I trust that the above proposals will be met with your kind attention, and look forward to their early implementation.

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By Adam Tanner

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TEL AVIV — Israel, with one of the world's longest military service requirements and highest levels of taxation, is asking the public for donations to the armed

Through advertisements in newspapers, magazines, posters, and even the telephone book, the defence ministry urges Israelis to 'make a donation to Libi — the fund for the security of Israel,"

Libi must raise funds from a population whose men already serve three years from age 18-21 in the Israeli army, and return every year for a month of reserve duty until age 55. Women must complete two years of compulsory military service.

In addition to providing manpower, Israelis pay 35 to 40 per cent of their earnings in income taxes, about a quarter of which goes to the army.

Nonetheless, Libi has managed to raise \$70 million dollars since its inception in 1980. The money is spent on educa-

tion for underprivileged soldiers,

advanced weapons development and medical supplies. Libi's fundraisers are themselves soldiers and reserve officers.

Most of the cash comes from inheritances. Donors are quietly encouraged to include Libi in their wills. An official in its Tel Aviv office said Libi has received funds from about 100 wills, some bequeathing apartments and other valuables.

Libi is not the only organisation soliciting donations for the

The spokesman for a separate private fundraising organisation said Israelis have a special regard for the army and are willing to

give additional contributions. "Of course it's very difficult to raise money, but I have to say there's another attitude when it comes to soldiers," said Chaim

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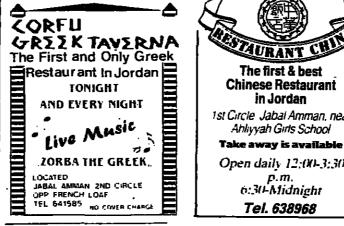
Lifshitz of the Association for the Welfare of Soldiers in Israel

Libi collects only within Israel, occasionally attracting donations from American and other tourists. AWSI receives about 20 per cent of its fund from Europe and

Lifshitz said his group raised North America, Lifshitz said. about \$15 million dollars last Not all the fundraising efforts reach their target. The two associations accidentally sent a joint appeal last April to 900,000 Palestinian refugees in the West Bank who have endured Israeli

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Astaire — the dancing legend of Hollywood the Duke of Windsor, mem-

bership of exclusive clubs and his

He married the former Phyllis

Potter, a wealthy New York

socialite, and opened Fred

Astaire Dancing Studios in many

countries. An intensely private

person off screen, he seldom ven-tured outside his circle of friends.

In 1945, at the age of 46,

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LOS ANGELES — Fred Astaire brought to the film world his top hat, white tie and tails and an elegant, dazzling style of dancing that left audiences breathless. Astaire died in hospital on

Monday on pneumonia. He was

In his later years he built a from the screen, but came back second career as a character three years later to make one of wever, the man actor. But he will be remembered for his stylish dancing, with his bewildering array of intricate steps, that made him one of his most famous films, "Easter Parade" with Judy Garland. He explained he had felt guilty about being idle.

> attractions for 35 years. His string of dancing partners reads like a Hollywood 'who's who" - Ginger Rogers, his most famous partner. Cyd Charisse, Eleanor Powell, Rita Hayworth, Vera Ellen. Ann Miller, Leslie Caron, Betty Hutton, Judy Garland, Audrey Hepburn and

Hollywood's major box office

With his dancing came a thin, clipped but catchy singing voice and a light-hearted sense of

"My films were meant to be fun," Astaire said. "They weren't pretentious and never tried to prove anything. They were enter-

tainment — period."

He gave millions of people far from the big cities their first taste of professional dancing, paving the way for dancers like Gene

Fashionable and urbane both on and off screen, Astaire was born Frederick Austerlitz on May 10, 1899, in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of an Austrian beer salesman and a mother who, in Astaire's words, was the boss of aisals of 🌬 🖾

ubtedly reflect the family. His mother, Anna Austerlitz, launched Astaire and his elder sister, Adele, on a dancing

mei nith 1000 k career. The pair made their first appearances in schools and church halls. The mother moved the family Samir A. Of to New York where the children were hailed as prodigies. From

being billed as "Fred and Adele Astaire in new songs and smart dances," they moved up to a Broadway show, "Over the Top," starring Ed Wynn, in 1917. This was followed by "Apple Blossoms" and "For Goodness Sake," which took the Astaires to

London and made them stars on both sides of the Atlantic.

They danced their way through "Lady be Good," "Funny Face" and "The Bandwagon," before Adele left the stage in 1932, to marry Lord Cavendish, son of the RESTAURY Duke of Devonshire, and live in AN TOURISM

Alone, Astaire starred in "The Gay Divorcee," which won him ntic Chinese fee his first Hollywood offer — a featured role with Ginger Rogers

in "Flying Down to Rio."

An earlier film test had produced this report on Astaire: "Can't act. Slightly bald. Can

Swall Sality alt Noondance a little." The teaming of Astaire and Rogers produced the most famous dancing partnership in screen history. They made nine films together, including "Follow the Fleet," "Shall We Dance," 'Swingtime" and "Roberta," and

earned more than \$30 million in rdvenise in box office receipts at a time of low income tax.
Their musical "Top Hat," now considered a classic, took only six weeks to make and cost just

\$620,000. The words of the song... "Putting on My Top Hat..." became the unofficial trademark for Astaire.

He accepted the good life in full — his mansion in Beverly Hills overlooking Hollywood, his staff of servants, his friends with the former Prince of Wales, later

Europeans plan to standardise mobile telephone systems

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another country, contact fades. This is soon to change. From 1991, 15 European postal services plan to operate a uniform digital mobile phone network.

work.

The service is to be provided at a price the man in the street can afford - as opposed to the DM 10,000 or so mobile phones now

ing that agreement had been reached on a joint approach to the digital mobile phone net-

The terms agreed were a compromise, and not one that was easily arrived at, with France and Germany of all countries baulking at agreeing to proposals submitted by a majority of European Postal Union (CEPT) countries.

Two schools of thought -- wide or narrow band - were long at loggerheads, with an open clash occurring at a CEPT conference in Madeira at the end of February.

simpler and less expensive, whereas wide band technology, although more expensive, seems likelier to ensure higher-quality

ulations and standards 13 of the 15 CEPT member-countries advocated narrow band technology at the Madeira gathering, with Bonn and Paris demurring — on technical grounds, they said.

That looked like putting paid not only to the higher-quality technique but also to a Franco-German joint venture in mobile

smiles and Franco-German friendship. Chancellor Kohl and President Mitterrand had personally prompted this pan-Europroject at their October

13 countries were not alone in voicing misgivings about the wide band system championed in Bonn and Paris. Objections were raised in the Federal Republic by Sie-He was five feet nine inches tall mens of Munich.

"I was cold-blooded about dancing," Astaire said. "I wanted it to be good, and then I wanted it nique - that has now made the

that the tide was turning against

All that could be elicited from

By Ralf Gunther Munchow

representatives have a mobile telephone. If they want to make a call, they just pull in to the side of the road and use their pressbut-

But the moment they cross into

By then an estimated 10 million European subscribers, including two million West Germans, will be able to communicate by car or mobile phone (cellular phones) via the new D (for digital) net-

In a few years' time the investment is expected to be a mere DM 3,000 and pundits feel DM 2,000 will be well within reach (which is what the most inexpensive video recorder cost not long

A go-ahead was given recently when the West German Posts and Telecom Minister Chirstian Schwarz-Schilling talked with his British, French and Italian coun-

terparts in Bonn. He announced after the meet-

Narrow band technology is

After protracted debate on reg-

A consortium consisting of AEG and SEL of Germany and ATR and SAT of France, plus Italtel of Milan, had early convinced the French and German postal services of the quality of

The postal services of the other

Bonn was the information that the authorities were reviewing the situation. But behind the

problem seems sure to be the

system's liability to break down

network, launched a year ago,

rupted when either too many calls

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Signals can then be superim-

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are only too familiar with. Car phone calls are often inter-

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scenes it was clear that Bonn was on the point of breaking ranks

and siding with the narrow band majority. The French government felt unable to follow suit without further ado; that would mean losing face. So a political com-

promise had to pave the way to agreement. At the beginning of April the French proposed — still behind the scenes — adopting as the European standard a narrow

band system devised by Alcatel, a French company. As a further sop to French prestige Paris made its approval subject to the proviso that part of the wide band system was laid on as an extra to the narrow band

system for all. Bonn endorsed this strategy, assured itself of the approval of Britain and Italy (both narrow band supporters) and brought pressure to bear on the others.

The CEPT countries seem likely to accept the compromise worked out by the Big Four, with a final decision due to be reached in Brussels between 9 and 12

Agreement on the basis of the compromise proposal would benefit all concerned.

First, it would set up a common market with an estimated annual turnover of between DM 15m and DM 30m. Second, Europe would from 1991 boast the world's most advance mobile phone system.

Last but not least, the narrow band frequencies fit more easily than a wide hand system into the gaps between existing radio services left by postal administra-

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D network.

Just over a year later about 30,000 subscribers use the C network even though equipment and

The B network, in operation 27,000 subscribers.

Austria and Switzerland the Scandinavians are the keenest mountains add to the problem. In the analog C network the Bundespost hopes to solve this problem by means of more transceiver stations. Filters are planned to ensure "clean" speech and data transmission via the digital

When the C network was launched on May 1, 1986 a backlog of

phone awaiting processing. installation costs roughly DM 10,000.

The Bundespost expects the C network's capacity to be ex-hausted by the end of the decade. It will then number 280,000 car phone subscribers.

since the early 1970s, has long run at full capacity. It can handle only

car phone-users at present. One car in 27 in Denmark, Norway and Sweden has a mobile phone. Demand is brisk in less industrialised countries outside Europe, such as Saudi Arabia, with 10,000 car phones.

Mexico plans to set up a system for operation in Mexico City. 11,000 applications for a mobile Stuttgarter Zeitung.

Randa Habiba

Combatting AIDS

AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is not a problem in Jordan. But, still, the virus is out there in the world and we can't just ignore it, as if we are not part of that world.

It is very important that we recognise that AIDS is a serious threat to people's health and to humanity at large. For that we should find the ways to prevent this virus from propagating in our country. I don't mean that we should get hysterical about it, but we should not just ignore it altogether.

I think it would be wise to create a committee that would identify the possible means that would "bring" the disease into the country and propose general guidelines to prevent that. This committee not only comprise doctors, as AIDS is not only a medical problem, but also a social one. A good informative campaign addressed especially to citizens travelling to infected countries and to students planning to study abroad, must be launched. People must know everything that is already internationally known about

the risks of getting the disease.

Acting as though we are untouchable will never protect us. It is true that we do not have a problem of drug addiction in Jordan, and that sexual behaviour is dictated by a deep sense of the family life. But once again, we are not a country cut off from the world and we have the duty of dealing very seriously with this deadly

First kisses, stolen kisses and old kissing games

By Marilyn August The Associated Press

PARIS - Bjorn Borg did it on the Wimbledon centre court. Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman did it on the silver screen. French people seem to be doing it every-

where all the time. Kissing his trophy showed the cool Swede's joy in his tennis victory, and the Grant-Bergman embrace, in Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious," ranks among the longest and most passionate kisses ever filmed. But for the French, the kiss is simply a way to

say hello and goodbye. In a country where greeting a roomful of people can take five minutes by the time everyone's cheeks get pecked, kissing is se-

rious business. So serious, that a university professor and journalist have written a 294-page book on the subject.

Le Baiser. (the kiss) by Xavier Fauche and Christiane Noetzlin and published last month by Stock, tells everything anyone might ever want to know about kissing — from first kisses, stolen kisses and warm-up kisses to the

germ content of saliva. Historical documents, literary references and scholarly opinions abound. In the chapter on maternal kisses, psychoanalyst Francoise Dolto warns that small children confuse kissing with cannibalism and urges mothers against smothering.

The French may be Europe's busiest kissers. Families kiss

when they come down for breakfast and again before they leave for school or work. They greet friends with a kiss — two or three depending on age and region and again when they part. And it starts all over when they get

home and go to bed. Young girls are trained to proffer the right cheek, aim away from the mouth and never make the first move. When in doubt,

it's forehead first. The book also looks at kissing through the ages. In 19th century France for example, Maraichinage — a French kissing game — was a socially accepted practice that allowed young girls to try out the techniques of their potential husbands.

Held only on Sundays, it in-

volved deep tongue kissing between at least 10 or more couples who changed partners weekly. In some parts of France, the "tongue duelling," which often led further, took place outdoors, behind colourful parasols stuck into the ground, which the authors described as "intimacy in public,

outdoors. In other regions, Maraichinage took place only in church, with couples sitting opposite each other on narrow benches. Clergymen banned the practice in 1864.

Despite its suggestive title, much Le Baiser reads like a doctoral thesis, with long chapters on kissing in sculpture, painting, opera and on the silver

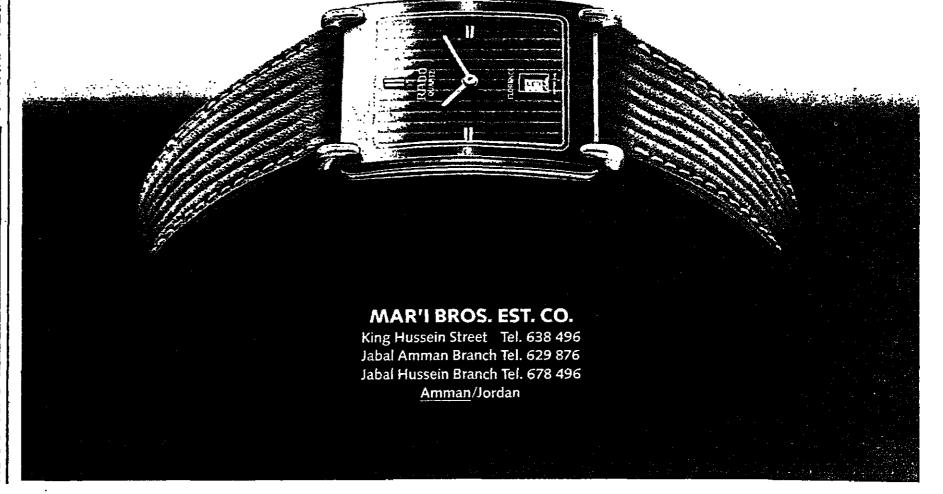
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after a marriage lasting 21 years. They had two children — Fred, a rancher, and Ava, who lives in Ireland, and a stepson, Peter Potter, a sheriff. their position.

He won wide praise for a television role as an elderly housepainter trundled off to a nursing home in "The Family Upside Down" with Helen Hayes, and was nominated for an Oscar for his role in the film "The Towering Inferno" — a nomination he

His wife, Phyllis, died in 1954

never received as a dancer. In 1980, when he was 81, Astaire married a jockey, Robyn Smith, who at 35 was 46 years his

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special Oscar for his "unique artistry" and his contribution to In his fifties, Astaire starred with Cvd Charisse in "Silk Stockings", with Leslie Caron in "Daddy Longlegs" and with Audrey Hepburn in "Funny Face". In 1958, he starred in "An Evening With Fred Astaire," with a then unknown dancer, phone technology. Barrie Chase, and the show won the biggest audience for any U.S.

television show up to that time. The show also won nine televi-Ten years later, Astaire finally retired as a dancer although he danced briefly in the film "That's their CD 900 wide band system.

Entertainment, Part 2," in 1976, It was very much a case of all when he was 77. "I didn't want to be the oldest dancer in captivity," He always refused to name his favourite dancing partner but he said Chase was one of the best. 1984 Bad Kreuznach summit.

"Ginger was a great personality. She may have faked it a little but we had a great thing going," he said. "Rita Hayworth and Cyd Charisse were probably a little

Siemens had developed, in conjunction with Ericsson of Sweden, a narrow band system of its own. Bosch of Stuttgart and ANT of Backnang were also early backers of the narrow band tech-

France and Germany, out on a limb after being outvoted 13-2 at Madeira, felt unsure of themselves and began to reconsider

The CEPT deadline expired on 16 March. A fortnight later, at the CeBit trade fair in Hanover, the wide band manufacturers voiced annoyance, having sensed

Navratilova, Graf advance at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Martina Navratilova began her quest for a record sixth consecutive Wimbledon title and an end to a disappointing year in quick fashion Wednesday, taking just 32 minutes to defeat Claudia Porwik of West Germany 6-1, 6-0 on centre court.

West Germany, fresh from beating Navratilova for her first Grand Slam title in the French Open, breezed into the second round as well, defeating Adriana Villagran of Argentina 6-0, 6-2. Graf won the last five games after trailing 2-1 in the second set.

Also winning easily were Hele-na Sukova of Czechoslovakia, the women's fourth seed, who defeated Jo Louis of Britain 6-1, 6-4, fifth-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States, who downed Natalia Medvedeva of the Soviet Union 6-2, 6-1, ninth-seeded Bettina Bunge of West Germany, who beat Claire Wood of Britain 6-3. 6-1, number 11 Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden, who beat Kathy Jordan of the United States 6-2, 6-2, number 12 Wendy Turnbull of Australia, who downed Debbie Spence of the United States 6-4, 6-2, and number 15 Raffaella Reggi of Italy, a 6-4, 6-2 winner over America's Beverley Bowes. Among the men's seed were three American winners. Number 7 Jimmy Connors beat Marty

Second-seeded Steffi Graf of Davis of the United States 6-1, 7-6, 7-6. Tenth seed Tim Mayotte beat Jean Fleurian of France 6-2, 6-3, 6-3. And number 15 David Pate beat Sergio Casal of Spain 6-4, 7-6, 7-5.

Mats Wilander of Sweden, the 6-1, 6-2. third seed and runner-up in the French Open, beat South Africa's Gary Muller 6-2, 6-1, 6-4. Fifthseeded Miloslav Mecir of Czechoslovakia also advanced to the second round with a 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 victory over American Mike Depaimer. Two Frenchmen won, sixth-seeded Yannick Noah beating Brad Drewett of Australia 6-4, 6-4, 6-4, and ninth-seeded 6-4, 6-4, and ninth-seeded Henri Leconte beating Andre Agassi of the United States 6-2,

On Tuesday, defending champion Boris Becker opened the tournament with a victory .

The third day of the two-weeklong grass-court Grand Slam tournament opened under the best weather conditions thus far, attracting a large crowd that in-cluded the Duchess of York, wife of Britain's Prince Andrew. After 11/2 days of rain, brighter skies and even some sunshine were the order.

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BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)

— Two soccer officials and a

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ing to rig a Second-Division soc-

cer match, the Politika Daily has

Ljubo Spanjol, a former high-ranking official of the Yugoslav

Soccer Federation (YSF), Miod-

rag Antonijevic, a manager for the Vrbas team and Ante Rup-

jic, a player for the Split Club,

were arrested in the central

Adriatic port city of Split.
Politika said Runjic was

offered about 10 million dinars

(\$15,000) to help rig the result so

that Vrbas would not drop out of

2 Yugoslav

MAKING SURE: Al Abli's striker, Nart Yadage (right) scores a goal as Al Baqa'a goalkeeper, Fathi Abu Dan, watches helplessly. Al Ahli went on to win the match 4-6 against Al Baqa'a in a Premier League match held in Amman Stadium on Wednesday (Photo by Abdullah Ayyoub)

Inter beats Barcelona in Mundialito tourney

MILAN, Italy (AP) — Despite the absence of several key players, Internazionale of Milan beat Spain's Barcelona 3-1 Tuesday night in the second round of the "Mundialito" Soccer Tourna-ment for clubs.

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team three points after two matches in the five-team, Round-Robin competition. Barcelona, which was playing its first match at the Meazza Stadium, was left with zero points.

All goals were scored in the

Argentine defender Daniel Passarella gave Inter a 1-0 lead in the 13th minute, and right winger Pietro Fanna made it 2-0 in the 16th on a fast counter-attack.

British centreforward Mark Hughes reduced the gap in a melee two minutes later but Inter, cheered on by 50,000 fans, struck again in the 33rd minute on a header by left winger Oliviero Garlini.

Barcelona, which just completed the gruelling Spanish League in which it finished second to Real Madrid, attacked throughout the second half but

Zenga. Barcelona badly missed the services of its English striker Gary Lineker, who was benched

never seriously threatened Astu-

tillo Malgioglio, a substitute for number 1 inter goalie Walter

Lineker was expected to play the third round of matches Thursday night when Barcelona faces France's Paris Saint Germain.

following a leg injury.

the Second Division as appeared It was the first report of arrest in a series of soccer scandals and alleged result-fixing in Yugoslav

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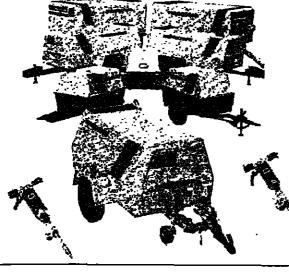
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Rugby hero's wife objects to nude pose

CAPE TOWN (R) - South African rugby hero Rob Louw has won the right to a cover-up after his wife objected to him posing for a magazine, apparently naked apart from a strategically placed rugby ball. The Cape Times said the monthly magazine S.A. Sports Illustrated was inking a pair of shorts on to every copy of the picture after an out-of-court settlement between Louw and the publishers. The magazine, due out on Monday, will now appear on Friday. Louw told Cape Town's supreme court on Monday that his wife Azille, who was "of a conservative background," would not be happy if the original picture hit the news stands. He applied for an urgent interdict to stop publication, saying he now felt that posing for the picture had been "a serious error of judgement." Lawyers adjourned to agree a compromise which they said would allow publication and "accommodate Rob's objections." Louw, 32, has played rugby for South Africa and is correctly contracted to play for England's Wigan Rugby League team.

8 Polish soccer clubs punished

WARSAW (R) — Severe penalties have been imposed on eight Polish First Division football clubs for dispirited performances in end-of-season matches, the sports daily Przeglad Sportowy said Wednesday. The soccer federation has banned the clubs from foreign trips and transferring players for at least a year and the results of four games between the offending sides have been declared null. The "lack of sporting spirit as well as lack of ambition to achieve the best results and the inexplicably bad form of some players" were the reasons given for penalising Lech Poznan, Zaglebie Lubin, Lechia Gdansk, Gornik Walbrzych, Olimpia Poznan, Polonia Bytom, Ruch Chorzow, Stal Mielec and Motor Lublin. The federation ordered a replay of the Gornik-Motor match because the result affects the line-up of clubs to compete in a play-off series for four places in next season's First Division. Last year six First Division Polish sides were sanctioned following allegations of match fixing although no evidence of bribery was ever produced.

Injury forces Britain into another change

LONDON (R) — Britain, already beset by injuries, was Wednesday forced to make another late change in their athletics squad for the European Cup in Prague this weekend when Derek Redmond, due to run in the 400 metres, pulled out. The selectors have called on European champion Roger Black, originally scheduled to run in only the 4x400 metre relay, as a replacement. Redmond, who has a strained hamstring, is the sixth member of the team to be hit by injury. Middle distance star Steve Cram, who had not planned to go to Prague, on Tuesday answered an appeal by the selectors to run in the 1500 metres after John Gladwin pulled out. Earlier Olympic champion Sebastian Coe withdrew because of injury and Steve Ovett said he was not properly prepared. Black had originally asked to run in only the 4x400 relay. "I'm probably not in the best shape, but Derek's injury obviously made things difficult for the selectors," he said.

Valdano renews contract with Real

MADRID (R) — Argentina's World Cup-winning forward Jorge Valdano has said he was renewing his contract with Spanish champions Real Madrid for another season. Valdano, who lost his place in the Madrid team last season when he suffered a bout of hepatitis, said Tuesday he was happy to reject an offer from French Club Nantes. He said he was unperturbed at being Madrid's third foreign player - one more than the regulation two per club. "I hope to end next season as a regular player," he said.

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Japanese foe wants British champ to have AIDS test

LONDON (AP) — Akio Kame-da called Wednesday for IBF Marsh's reputation as a boxer-welterweight champion Terry who bleeds easily.

AIDS, or Acquired Immune

before their bout next week. Kameda, from Japan, said he must undergo a test for the virus as part of British rules for foreign fighters and Marsh, a suburban London fireman, should do the

"AIDS is an international problem," Kameda said. "In Japan, every fighter takes a test, and I think it should be the same here."

AIDS, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is a virus that attacks the body's immune system, leaving the victim vulnerable to disease. No cure for the virus, which is spread through the exchange of some bodily fluids including blood, has been found

Marsh said he would not take the AIDS test, saying it would break the rhythm of his prepara-The challenger said he was tions for the July 1 bout.

S. African heavyweight stops American 'Quick'

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Undefeated South African heavyweight Johnny Du Plooy scored a technical knockout over American veteran James "Onick" Tillis in the 10th and final round of their bout Tuesday

night.
Du Plooy, now 14-0, floored
Tillis with a right and continued landing punches after the American got up until the referee halted the fight with 22 seconds

Tillis, the only fighter to go the distance against undefeated world champion Mike Tyson, is now 38-14-1.

Local sportswriters said in their accounts of the fight that it appeared Tillis was leading on points going into the final round and suddenly seemed to lose his defensive skills. Similar criticisms were made following Dn Plooy's previous victory over American

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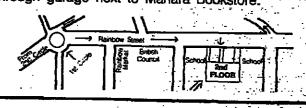
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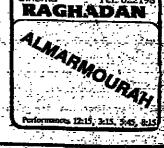
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets on Wednesday.

One U.S. dollar

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6.6800/50

U.S. dollars Canadian dollar West German marks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Beigian francs French francs Italian lira Japanese yen Swedish crown

Norwegian crowns

Danish crowns

U.S. dollars

6.8500/50 One ounce of gold 442.90/443.40

The Commerce Department service through interest paysaid Wednesday U.S. foreign debt swelled to \$263.3 billion in 1986, up from \$111.9 billion in

1985 — the first year since 1914

that the United States became a

reliance on foreign investment.

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States' foreign

debtor nation. The United States now is the world's largest debtor nation, though it can still finance its. deficit in its own currency unlike other large debtors like Brazil and Mexico. Economists say a price eventually must be paid, in flation or recession for living

beyond its means. "I continue to be worried that we're drifting into a situation that is not very different from the countries of Latin America," commented, Mr. Norman Robertson, chief economist for Mellon Bank in New York.

of debt levels as long as foreign By the end of the decade, the (investors) want to buy U.S. debt," said Mr. Martin Regalia, United States is likely to have foreign debts of \$500 billion that director of research and econowill cost \$40 billion a year to mics at the National Council of

debt more than doubled in 1986, prompting comparisons with heavily indebted Latin American

Savings Institutions. "But we don't have control of our own destiny," he added. Offsetting the gloomy foreign countries and warnings about the economic costs of debt news were signs that U.S. inflation slowed in May while

U.S. becomes world's largest debtor nation

orders for expensive durable goods showed strength in the industrial sector. The key consumer price index

rose 0.3 per cent in May - lower than the 0.4 per cent recorded in each of the three preceding months, the Labour Department said. Increases for clothing, transportation and housing were the smallest so far this year.

Orders for expensive durable goods were down by 0.1 per cent last month, falling for the first time in four mouths. But after subtracting the often volatile defence component, orders posted a

1.4 per cent gain. Mr. John Hagens, vice presideut of Warton Econometrics said the May inflation report pointed to a future levelling off in price rises that should help keep interest rates down.

"This confirms that most of the surge (in prices) in the first quarter was temporary and we're now running at a 3.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent rate," Mr. Hagens said.

economists said the durable goods orders showed health in the manufacturing sector.

"On balance these figures have strengthened appreciably this year after three years of flat performance." Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige said, predicting more increases as the U.S. trade performance with the rest of the world improves.

Togethr with recent gains in industrial production and capacity use, the figures show beleaguered manufacturing sector is finally reviving thanks to the protracted decline in the dollar over the past 21/2 years, economists said

In another report, the government said Americans' average weekly earnings, after allowing for inflation, rose 0.4 per cent in May after two successive months in which earnings fell.

House passes budget

Meanwhile, the Democraticcontrolled House of Representatives Wednesday approved a controversial, deficit-cutting 1988 budget that challenges President Reagan over tax and defence

Passage of the trillion-dollar budget came on a 215 to 201 vote. The Senate is expected to give

final congressional approval Thursday to the plan written by Democrats controlling Congress over the strong opposition of President Reagan and fellow Republicans.

The budget, which President Reagan does not have to sign, would be the working U.S. budget, providing a blueprint for further congressional decisionmaking on money matters.

It cuts next year's estimated federal deficit by \$37 billion to \$134 billion through tax proposals and spending restraints.

Republicans assailed the budget's recommended \$64 billion in new taxes over a threeyear period and its reductions from President Reagan's defence

Representative Delbert Latta, an Ohio Republican, called the plan the worst one ever voted on because of an "odious tax hike."

As debate got under way, House Speaker Jim Wright said President Reagan was staging a "phony fight" with Congress over

vest bank in the kingdom.

attention from the Iran-contra scandal and other problems.

During campaign-type appearances in Florida on Tuesday, President Reagan again vowed to veto any tax bill to implement the Democrat-written budget that calls for \$19 billion in new taxes

"Any tax hike bill makes it into the Oval office won't make it out alive," President Reagan said. President Reagan's own budget, which also included some \$18 billion in higher revenues — which he refused to call taxes was rejected by Republican and

Senate and House Last week, a conference committee dominated by Democrats approved the compromise trillion-dollar spending plan with a \$134 billion deifict — down from the estimated \$171 billion expected to occur otherwise in

Democratic majorities of both

The budget also cuts President Reagan's request for \$312 billion. Spending authority is similar to a line of credit, with actual military spending under the bill expected to be about \$290 billion.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) - Equities were firm in late trading, but light, persistent profit-taking after the lower Wall Street opening saw the majority of prices off their best levels, dealers said. Early demand was centred on leading issues, with firmer sterling and a belief that recent declines were overdone providing the early impetus. At 1430 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 15.0 at

2,280.5 after touching a high of 2,292.4 earlier. Dealers said the pace of the early advance indicated strong demand from institutional investors, but many noted retail interest and more overseas buying than of late.

One dealer said he believed that the buil market was still intact, and despite the absence of any change in fundamentals, many investors seemed to think the London market was a good buy at

Others, however, thought that Wednesday afternoon's fall from the earlier highs indicated that the market was close to a peak and will not go very much higher in the short term. Outstanding among FTSE 100 constituent stocks was Consoli-

dated Goldfields, which jumped 66p to 1,044 amid rumours that it

may be planning to pull out of South Africa in the near future.

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FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The daytime is good for getting a new slant on old projects, and finding opportunities for advancement. Home and study matters can

be wound up in the evening.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Make visits to find backing for a project you have in mind. Enjoy your family

at home this evening.
TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Good fortune is available today, so look around. Consult with an elder on how to proceed.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Contact supporters and follow through with your plans. Advice from a clever friend should be taken seriously. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Armed with

the facts, you can complete a promise. Concentrate on civic and private matters. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Needed purchases can be made at a new place with a lively friend. Fast talking

gets the point across today. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Seen from a different de, you may want to dump a business matter. Im-

prove your relationship with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A new contact can give you a real boost toward success. Keep your agreements, but seek our more information.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Hard work finally pays off. Improve your business relations all around by keeping a healthy attitude. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Pay attention

to your recreational life, especially where higher-ups are concerned, and do favors if asked today.

concerned, and do favors if asked today.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Choose a new angle in your work to make life easier, and pick up on an old hobby you've always enjoyed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Get organized at home with your correspondence. Repay long-owed social obligations this evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Home ties can make your

financial situation much brighter. Make only necessary

visits in the evening.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will be full of life and energy, but will need help in channeling this quality in the right direction. With a very fine education, success could be phenomenal. Your child will be very strongly attached to home and family, bringing much joy there for all.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The new moon gives you a fresh start for plans and arrangements. Stack close to home and family relationships to build your fortune. Follow ideas which seem important. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Put off business and con-

centrate on the scene at home. A good evening for friendly conversations with guests. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Keep in touch with

regular contacts. Don't ignore bills, statements or reports that are vital.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Concentrate on assets and cut down on liabilities by getting bills out of the way. Common sense is needed.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't worry

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't worry about hurt feelings if you want to accomplish anything today. See some of your old friends.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Plan personal activities and speak to your mate about fundamentals. Life can be ideal if you get past these things.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get together with good friends and show them a good time — their way. Make

friends and show them a good time — their way. Make sure your car is running well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Civic activities must be handled, as promised. Completion will make you shine

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan trips for social activities early, and pick up needed information from

sa newcomer, but be cautious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Stop procrastinating on fulfilling promises. This will gain you much respect in the long run.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Deal with associates

on their own level. It's very important that you drive carefully, especially this evening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A co-worker's ideas

are very different from your own, but discussing them

could yield positive results.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Finish your work before starting recreation. Improving your telents will be extremely beneficial if you use them.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY __ he or she will be able to understand and work efficiently on any pro-

ject by carefully studying every phase of the operation, so don't mistake being thorough for being slow. Many playmates in early life will help tremendously. Expose this child to good books early.

nds from poor states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banks slowed lending to Third World countries in 1986 so much that they collected \$5.4 billion more than they lent out, reversing the usual flow of money, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) re-

The shift came even though U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker and other leading Western financial officials have been urging the commercial banks to lend more to the heavily indebted countries as way of helping them grow out of their financial prob-

The IMF said that before last year banks were still lending more than they were collecting, with a net of \$10 billion in new lending in 1985, \$15 billion the year before, and \$36 billion in 1983.

The 1986 figures represent the totals for all commercial banks and Third World countries, even though some countries -- including Argentina, Colombia and Turkey — received more in new

A report on the debt by the fund's bureau of statistics appeared in the June 15 issue of "IMF survery," which was made available Tuesday.

ments, Mr. Robertson said.

Increased U.S. indebtedness

and reliance on foreign capital

means higher debt payment and

less money for domestic invest-

ment, thus bring on recession.

foreign investment, the United

States must offer higher interest

rates, adding to domestic borrow-

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The World Bank estimates that Third World debt totals about \$1.085 trillion. Third World governments want new money for investments to create jobs and raise low standards of living. They complain that the billions they must pay every year as in-terest on their debt leave them little for this kind of investment.

In October 1985, Mr. Baker asked banks to lend an additional \$20 billion by 1989 to 15 of the most heavily indebted countries, most them in Latin America. Instead, the banks collected \$700 million from those 15 big debtors in 1985 and \$6.4 billion last year, the report said.

New repayments last year took place despite \$3.1 billion in new lending "concerted" through pressure on banks by the fund and the 151 governments that own it. The report says Argentina got loans than they paid back on old-\$1.2 billion in new loans because

billion, the Philippines \$500 million, Chile \$400 million and Panama \$100 million.

Western hemisphere countries nevertheless made net repayments of \$4.2 billion, whereas in 1985 there were net inflows of \$1.2 billion.

Brazil made \$1.9 billion more in payments than it received in new loans, Venezuela made net repayments of \$1.5 billion, Mexico \$1.2 billion and Chile \$400 mil-

The IMF report said: "The repayments came from all regions except Asia, and reflected ... concern among banks to reduce their risk exposure to developing countries, the operation of debt conversion schemes in a few countries, especially Chile, and the absence of internationally endorsed policy reforms in certain debtor countries."

Worry about risks has recently led to major U.S. banks setting aside additional billions in reserves to cover possible losses. The debt conversion schemes

the debtor country. The schemes have been endorsed by Mr. Baker and others, but are expected to reduce only a small proportion of the debt.

The fun and its sister organisation, the World Bank, make agreements on policy reforms under which the lending countries get new money. Such agreements, urged by Mr. Baker as a condition for new lending, usually require that a country devalue its currency and cut spending on subsidies and other government activities.

So far the government of Brazil, the biggest Third World debotr, has been unwilling to make an agreement with the fund. Recently, Finance Minister Luiz Carlos Bresser made an unprecedented request that Brazil be permitted to suspend payments on the \$4.75 billion it owes the

In February, Brazil took its own decision to suspend interest payments on \$68 billion it owes to private banks. In May, the provide that debts be used by the Ivory Coast, which owes about \$8

S. Arabia licences new bank RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) - A company that grew to over \$4 billion from the exchange of foreign currency in Saudi Arabia was converted Tuesday into a full-fledged bank.

The Al Rajhi Co. for Currency Exchange and Commerce, started decades ago by two brothers who sent gold bars to each other via strangers on the Saudi national airline, is one of the largest financial institutions in the oil-rich kingdom.

Although the firm took deposits, wrote checks, and handled investments, it was never permitted to become a bank. The Saudi council of ministers this week finally approved Al Rajhi going public by floating shares, and then becoming a genuine bank. Financial experts said it may rank after Riyadh Bank as the third

mister of information, Sheikh Ali Al Shaer announced the gove nment approval after the weekly cabinet meeting late Monday, saying the 16.6-billion-riyal (\$4.42 billion) Al Rajhi will

The firm is now owned by four brothers, and the announcement of the change had been expected since 1983. Since the firm already took interest-free deposits and could perform most bank functions, the only banking power it lacked was making loans.

The company will now spin off its non-banking activities. This includes up to 660 million rivals' (\$176 million) worth of real estate holdings, farms, and building materials factories.

Al Rajhi was the biggest money exchanger in the kingdom, probably larger than scores of others put together, according to banking sources.

of IMF pressure, Colombia \$1 creditors to buy up businesses in billion, also suspended payments. Dollar, after recent gains, takes a dive

LONDON (R) — The dollar, after recent gains, took a dive Wednesday when word came from Bank of Japan sources in Tokyo to the effect that the Japanese central bank thinks it

ought not to rise higher. In Europe's morning it promptly dipped as low as 144.25 Japanese yen after nearly reaching 147 on Tuesday. It was also weaker against the Deutschemark, while gold reacted by firming \$2.80 to \$443 an ounce at the London morning fix.

The tumble seemed less a reflection of gloomy economic news than a tribute to central banks'

ability to manipulate markets and stabilise currency values — a positive fact for the global eco-

"Čentral banks are winning the psychological war," said Mr. Gavyn Davis, economist at investment bankers Goldman Sachs in London.

Speculative buying of the dol-lar has sent it higher lately, as have Japanese and other investors who stocked up to buy Wall Street stock and U.S. government bonds.

Tokyo leaders said Japanese central bank sources, with a reminder that a U.S. trade deficit Feb. 22 "Louvre accord."

still well over \$12 billion a month did not justify a dollar rise, restored a sense of reality to the market.

The cautionary note from the Bank of Japan followed market rumours Tuesday night that the Federal Reserve Board, the U.S. central bank, was selling the dollar to stop it appreciating.

The message from the central banks seems to be that the dollar is best left around about where it is --- which was what was agreed by finance ministers of the big seven industrial nations in their

The banks in April intervened to prop up the dollar when it fell amost to 137 yen. Now they seem to be indicating that, while they favour halting its 40 per cent slide in value since 1985, they do not want too much of a rebound want too much of a rebound.

Only last week the Organisa-

tion for Economic Cooperation and Development stressed that stable currencies were crucial to business confidence - a key to continued growth in a world which is threatened by recession as the United States struggles to correct its huge deficit by buying fewer goods from abroad.

VCR unveils new product

NEW YORK (R) - NCR Cor- roelectronics division of NCR. ded five years ago to compete with Japan.

NCR hailed the new product, a computer software programme that assists engineers in the design of computer chips, as proof that research done by the consortium, Microelectronics and Computer Technology Corp. (MCC), will help companies remain competitive against Japan.

The software package, "represents the first example that MCCdeveloped technology is appropriate and needed by its participants," said Mr. James Van Tassel, vice president and general manager of the mic-

poration, the computer and busi- But computer analysts, noting ness machines firm, Tuesday in- that many other companies have troduced the first commercial already developed similar softproduct based on technology de- ware programmes, known as veloped by a research consortium artificial intelligence or expert to tell whether MCC's work will boost U.S. technological pro-

> MCC's 10 original founders, which included NCR, Digital Equipment Corp. and Honeywell Inc., formed the venture in response to Japan's "fifth generation" programme.

The project, sponsored by the Japanese government, brought together Japan's biggest computer companies in an effort to develop a new generation of artificial intelligence computers that could "think" like human beings.

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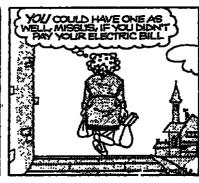




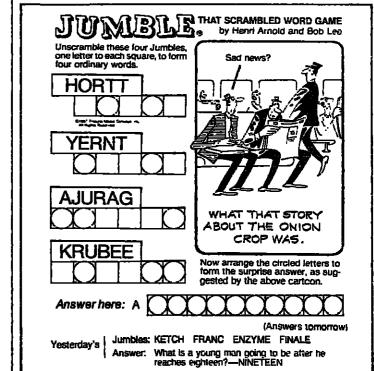
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Harare to go ahead with constitutional amendments

Whites to lose separate parliamentary seats

HARARE (R) - Zimbabwe is set to enter a new political era after the announcement of government plans for sweeping changes to its British-drafted independence constitution.

President Canaan Banana. opening a new session of parliament Tuesday, said it would consider legislation this year to scrap reserved parliamentary seats for the white minority and introduce an executive presidency and a

single-chamber assembly.
Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, who accepted racial representation unwillingly when the constitution was negotiated in London in 1979, is expected to become president when the new laws are passed.

"Banana read himself out of office," commented a black Zimbabwean company executive who

Under the present constitution, Zimbabwe's 100,000 whites were guaranteed 20 seats in the 100member Lower House of Assem-

IXTAPA, Mexico (Agencies) — A summit of eight Latin Amer-

ican presidents from the Con-

tadora group and its support panel is likely to be held by the

end of this year, Argentine Presi-

In a brief statement to repor-

ters after holding talks with Mex-

ican President Miguel de la Mad-

rid, Mr. Alfonsin said a meeting

between leaders of the Contadora

group and its so-called support

group was "probable" for the end

The Contadora group — Mex-

ico, Panama, Venezuela and Col-

ombia -- has been working since

1983 to promote a negotiated

settlement to Central American

It was later joined by Argenti-

In recent years the groups have

broadened their scope and

addressed the need for economic

integration among Latin American countries and taken to call-

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Mr. Alfonsin and Mr. De la

U.S. House of Representatives have passed a 1988-89 State De-

partment funding bill that would

bar Soviet diplomats from mov-

ing into their new embassy in

Washington until the bug-riddled

U.S. mission in Moscow was

freedom of travel for U.S.

citizens to go to Nicaragua or

elsewhere in Central America for

the stated purpose of helping

The legislation, which passed

303 to 111, provided some \$2.8 billion in 1988 funding for the

State Department, well under the

\$3.9 billion requested by Presi-

dent Reagan. The 1989 funding

bill and congressional aides said it

was likely many of the amend-

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The separate white representation could be scrapped by a unanimous vote before seven years or by agreement of at least 70 legislators after that period.

There was speculation that Zimbabwe, which became inde-pendent in 1980 after a sevenyear guerrilla war for black majority rule, would unilaterally abolish the white seats.

But Mr. Mugabe waited for the seven years to pass before making his move.

Tuesday's announcement had been widely expected after frequent denunciations of the independence constitution by leaders of the ruling ZANU-PF Party. ZANU-PF (Zimbabwe African National Union/Patriotic Front)

Madrid spent about four hours

together on Tuesday afternoon

holding private talks and lunching

in a government-owned house in

Meanwhile Nicaraguan Presi-

dent Daniel Ortega was expected to meet with his Panamanian

counterpart to discuss faltering

Central American peace efforts,

Panamanian newspapers and the

Nicaraguan embassy announced

Embassy spokesman Daniel

Martinez told Reuters Mr. Orte-

ga confirmed his visit in a tele-

phone conversation late Monday

with President Eric Arturo De-

He said Mr. Ortega, who plans

to arrive here with Nicaraguan

Foreign Minister Miguel d'Esco-

to, will remain in Panama for 12

to 24 hours on his first official

draw from the contract providing

for Moscow's new embassy in

Washington, and the partially constructed U.S. embassy in

Meanwhile a former Marine

guard at the U.S. embassy in

Moscow has been charged with

lying to investigators about

another guard in a sex-spy scan-

dal, the Marine Corps said

The charges against Corporal Robert Williams 22, of New

York, appeared to further cloud

the six-month-old case, in which

four former Marine guards in

Moscow and Leningrad were ear-

lier arrested and two of them

The Marine Corps and the Pen-tagon have denied published re-ports that they may have botched

the investigation or overstated

Marine Sergeant Clayton

Lonetree is to be court martialled

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house and is certain to get the three extra votes it needs to see through its proposed changes.

Abolition of the Senate, which includes 10 tribal chiefs, is unlikely to be controversial as the chamber has played a mainly ceremonial role.

Composition of the proposed new single-chamber parliament has not been disclosed, but some political commentators predict it will have 140 members — the majority elected by voters, others by the house sitting as an elector-

The new executive president is also expected to retain powers to nominate some members of parliament, giving him a constitutional right to dispense political

patronage.

The white community, suspicious of the black-led government's commitment to the rule of law, appeared to greet Tuesday's announcement with resignation.

2 drown after boat capsizes off Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia According to Argentine Fore-ign Minister Dante Caputo, a key (AP) — Two children drowned after they leaped into the Straits theme of the meeting was the of Malacca from a boat that need to promote a smaller sumcapsized and then caught fire mit of Central American presifrom spilling oil, Marine Police said Wednesday. dents aimed at discussing a re-

Marine Police chief Abdul Rahman Kidam told reporters the drowning victims were the 2-year-old daughter of Sasamuddin Hurhan, 23, of Sumatra, Indonesia, and a 9-month-old Indonesian boy.

Abdul Rahman said the boat, carrying 24 Malaysians and Indonesians, was on its way from Pulau island Karimun in Indonesia to Pontian in Malaysia, 300 kilometres south of Kuala Lumpur, when it capsized and caught Abdul Rahman said the pas-

sing Greek ship Kartini Diantond rescued 22 passengers.

Hawke faces charges of complacency after speech

SYDNEY (R) — Prime Minister Bob Hawke Wednesday faced charges of complacency and warnings that his Labour Party was taking a dangerous course ahead of next month's election by avoiding discussion of the economic

problems facing Australia.

Reaction to Mr. Hawke's emotional campaign-opening policy speech at the Sydney Opera House Tuesday was divided between a minority who rated it brave and those, including opposition leader John Howard, who said its content was vague and potentially foolhardy.

Mr. Hawke urged the country's 10.5 million voters to judge his government on its record since coming to power in 1983 and to compare the achievements of his team with the disunity in the opposition Liberal-National Par-

The speech contained one new measure — a financial package for underprivileged families but noticeably lacked any real clue to the Labour government's intentions if elected for an unprecedented third successive term on

"The clear message from Labour for Australia is steady as she sinks," said Mr. Howard. "Look what the "trust me"

policies of (the 1983 and 1984 elections) have given to Australia - record interest rates, record bankruptcies, record overseas Mr. Howard accused the media

of bias earlier in the campaign

because of its fixation with the rifts in his coalition, now patched up, and its unrelenting criticism of the Liberals' tax-cutting policy. But Mr. Howard, still well behind Mr. Hawke in opinion polls, could have no complaints Wednesday as Australia's major newspapers united in their first big attack on Mr. Hawke's style of government since the snap

election was called on May 27 Commentators attacked Mr. Hawke's pitch that it would be a patriotic move to vote Labour and labelled as impossible to achieve his claim that the new aid for the low-paid would help ensure that by 1990 no child would be living in poverty.

Zhao ends Pakistan visit

ISLAMABAD (R) - Chinese an improvement in their often Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang left strained relations with India. Wednesday for Peking after a During the visit Mr. Zhao four-day visit to Pakistan during which he held talks with President Monammad Zia Ul Had and for 'akistan and the two cour Prime Minister Mohammad Khan uies also decided to expand bi-Junejo.

Mr. Zhao met Gen. Zia on Tuesday night, and Pakistani officials said there was complete fugees in Pakistan, including identity of views on issues such as 1,250 tonnes of rice, 30 trucks, Afghanistan, the Middle East and one million yards (914,400 the situation in South Asia. They gave no details.

Also present at the meeting was Mr. Junejo, who had separate talks with Mr. Zhao on Monday.

Both sides have called for the withdrawal of foreign forces from Afghanistan and Kampuchea and guerrillas.

metres) of cotton cloth and 200,000 pairs of shoes. Pakistan is playing host to an estimated three million Afghans

announced a 100 million yuan (\$27 million) interest-free loan

On Tuesday, China donated

relief supplies for Afghan re-

lateral trade.

who fled their country during more than eight years of war between the Soviet-backed government and Western-backed

parents of teenage West German pilot Mathias Rust were quoted by a Soviet journalist Wednesday as saying he acted entirely alone

her husband Karl-Heinz visited their son in a Moscow prison last week, told the weekly Russian-language Moscow News: 'Mathias acted alone. He told us that he had wanted to undertake a

acted by himself, Mr. Rust replied: "We are absolutely certain. He definitely had no accom-

Moscow News said the interview took place at the Rusts' bome in Wedel near Hamburg after they returned from Moscow where they had two meetings with their son, who faces a possible sentence of up to 10 years in

Vladimir Markov said the Rusts told him they had agreed to meet him because they felt it would help their son and be of interest to Soviet readers, who, they felt, were ready to forgive their son. Mr. Rust was quoted as bitterly criticising the West German press

press in our country to stop publishing inventions which could harm him. What some of our newspapers and magazines have been writing is absolutely disgust-

ing," the pilot's father said. Both quoted their son as saying he was well-treated by the Soviet authorities, who say they are seeking to establish whether he acted alone or in league with others in planning and carrying

The Bonn correspondent of the Communist Party daily Pravda has twice cited West German press reports on the affair as suggesting that Rust may have been acting on behalf of other unspecified people.

given conflicting stories about whether he planned his flight to Moscow alone and named people Valentin Falin, 61, chief of the

events leading up to his May 28 flight to Red Square.
"At first his version was that he had conceived and prepared everything alone. No one helped him with it. Later, however, he named names of people who

people who were allegedly named by Rust.

Bunte, an illustrated weekly, appears at newsstands Thursdays, but a copy of its interview was telexed in advance to news organisations in West Germany on Wednesday.

Mr. Falin also told Radio Lux-

Sikh extremists kill 2 Hindu priests, policeman

policeman Wednesday in the troubled Northern Indian state of

The latest killings raised to at least 425 the number of deaths blamed on Sikh militants in Punjab this year. Most of the victims of the Sikh separatists have been Hindus and moderate Sikhs.

Last year, more than 700 people died in the state in violence blamed on Sikh extremists.
In the latest killings, two Hindu

priests were shot at point blank range in a temple near the town of Tarn Taran, 25 kilometres south of the Sikh holy city of Amritsar, according to police. Police last week rounded up more than 60 men suspected of

being Sikh militants or sympathis-

ers in the Tarn Taran area. The policeman was killed as he was going to work in Hoshiarpur district in north east Punjab. Police said they killed two sus-

CHANDIGARH, India (AP) — pected Sikh extremists Wednes-Suspected Sikh extremists shot to day in Western Ferozpur district death two Hindu priests and a on the border with Pakistan and "recovered a rich haul of

weapons." Meanwhile the West Bengal state government has invoked the stringent anti-terrorist act in Darjeeling district to control continuing violence by Gurkha milipolice sources said tants, Wednesday.

West Bengal Chief Minister Ivoti Basu ordered the act put into effect to ensure people arrested would not be released on bail, said the sources. Sources in Darjeeling con-

firmed the act was being applied, but no official announcement was made in Calcutta or Darjeeling.

Gurkha activists, who are fighting for a separate ethnic state, have destroyed scores of government buildings, tourist lodges and schools since Saturday, when the Gurkha National Liberation Front began a 13-day general

Chad to let U.S., France examine Soviet weapons

WASHINGTON (R) — Chadian has expressed interest in examin-President Hissene Habre has indicated U.S. and French officials would both be allowed to examine captured Soviet military equipment.

"Cooperation is not a one-way street," Mr. Habre told reporters, referring to France and the United States. Both countries provided assistance to help Chad repel the Libyans.
"If we can do anything for

France and the United States, why not do it?" he added.

ing hundreds of millions of dollars in Soviet-made equipment, including attack helicopters, captured by Mr. Habre's troops when they defeated Libyan forces

The issue was discussed when Mr. Habre attended a working lunch with Deputy Defence Secretary William Taft.

He also expressed confidence the United States would provide why not do it?" he added. his country with the maximum financial aid possible.

Haiti disbands labour union

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti ment had thrown out an electoral (AP) — Haiti's provisional government on Tuesday disbanded a major labour union, dismissed two members of the country's Electoral Council and announced it would be taking a more direct role in upcoming elections.

The television announcement Tuesday night by the three-man National Governing Council came after a two-day general strike that had partially closed down businesses in Port-Au-Prince, the capital. Lt.-Gen. Henri Namphy, who

heads the Provisional Council, said that by decree the govern-

law formulated by the independent, mine-member Provisional Electoral Council, and was replacing the law with a decree. However, he did not reveal the

content of the government's decree or say what aspects of the Electoral Council's law would be changed. The Electoral Council, which

under the constitution has the sole right to run the country's balloting, just hours before had announced that voting for 140 mayors would be held in Aug. 23, and that a general election would be in Nov. 27.

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Monet painting fetches \$2.24m

PARIS (R) — A painting of chrysanthemums. by impressionist Claude Monet fetched a French record sum of 13.8 million france (\$2.24 million) at a Paris auction house. Bouquet De Fieurs, (bouquet of flowers), painted by the French father of impressionism in 1878, was sold to a mystery international art collector during a sale at the Hotel Drouot auction house. The sale smashed the record for a painting sold in France, which stood at 10 million francs (\$1.6 million) for another Monet work. Art experts attending the auction said the record sum paid indicated that an art market explosion, which has seen prices rocket in the past two years, was continuing. Officials at the auction room said Japanese buyers were in evidence at this week's sale of Modera Art, and that an anonymous Japanese buyer bought a work by British impressionist Alfred Sisley for five million france

Texas executes another murderer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (R) — Executioners spent 35 minutes to find a suitable vein in the lethal injection of Elliot Rod Johnson. put to death Wednesday for murder during a jewellery store robbery in which two men were killed. Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, who witnessed the execution, said prison officials had some difficulty injecting Johnson. He said it took 35 minutes for the officials to find veins suitable for the injection because of Johnson's past history of extensive drug abuse. Mattox said Johnson, 28, expressed sorrow just before he died. "I'm very sorry for all the hurt and pain (I caused) to everyone who leved me so much," Johnson said. Johnson talked for half an hour by telephone Tuesday night with his mother, Luanna Johnson, who on May 1 began serving a six-year prison term for theft.

Sean Penn sentenced to 60 days in jail

LOS ANGELES (R) — Actor Sean Penn, leader of the Hollywood pack of fiery young actors, was sentenced to 60 days in jail for hitting a film extra. Penn, 26, who has been involved in a string of court cases while trying to work out marriage problems with pop singer Madonna, was also fined \$240 and placed on probation for two years for reckless driving. The jail doors will slam on Penn on July 7, giving him time to complete his latest film, Colours, in which he plays a policeman. He will be handcuffed when he reports to the court on July 7 and driven to a local jail, known to be among the toughest in the country, count officials said. The young star, who stands just five feet six inches (1.67 metres), stood sullenly in a municipal court with his head down during the brief hearing. He spoke only when asked if he had any difficulty understanding the terms of probation orders. "Not from now on, your honour," he quietly told municipal court Commissioner Julean Cathey. "I want him back with his toothbrush," Cathey told Penn's lawyer, Howard Weitzman. Madonna was not in court; but in Japan on a concert tour.

Medical computer now available

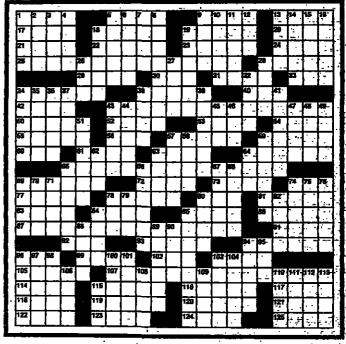
CHICAGO (AP) — Doctors can now tap a vast library of constantly updated medical knowledge merely by using a personal computer and a telephone, developers announced Monday at the American Medical Association (AMA) convention. The system contains data on more than 2,000 diseases, including the lates of AIDS, and will help physicians consider all possible diagnoses when weighing a patient's signs and symptoms, spokesmen said.

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Last Week's Cryptograms

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2. Crooked clark in clock shop tried to sell a customer a hot pendulam. 3. Nostalgia embellishes life of long ago: Remember the good, forget

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The Vienna Coup is really a simple squeeze. However, before it can operate, declarer must play off a winner or winners in a suit to set up a lower-ranking card in the correct position as a threat. After South's weak jump overcall, North could count 10 or 11

tricks with the help of a spade ruff.

Since where there are 11 sure

tricks a 12th can frequently be de-

veloped, North wasted no time in

getting to slam.

West led a spade, East won and, for want of anything better, shifted to the queen of diamonds. There were only 11 top tricks — the 12th would have to come either from ruffing out the king-jack of clubs

or a squeeze. Since East almost surely had the king of clubs and the defense virtually marked him with the jack of diamonds, declarer chose the squeeze as the surer line. However, East would be discarding after dummy, so a threat card had to be set up in the South hand. Declarer won the diamond in dummy, came to hand with a

trump and ruffed a spade. After drawing the last trump, declarer cashed his remaining high diamond and then started to run trumps. When he led his last heart, the table was down to a diamond and the ace-10 of clubs, and East held the jack of diamonds and king-jack of clubs. Dummy parted with its di-amond, but East was caught in a vice. As the cards lie, he had to hold onto both of his clubs or else dummy's 10 would be the fulfilling trick, and his jack of diamonds was needed to prevent declarer's 10 from scoring. No matter what he

chose to discard, he would be pre-

senting declarer with his slam.

Parents say Rust acted alone

MOSCOW (Agencies) — The in flying from Finland to land near Moscow's Red Square a mander of air defence forces.

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Mrs. Monika Rust, who with peace mission."

Asked if he believed his son plices."

Moscow news correspondent

for its reporting of the affair.
"He (Mathias) would like the

out his dramatic flight.

The incident has led to a top-

level shake-up in the Soviet military, including the removal of the defence minister and the com-

A Soviet official was quoted Wednesday as saying Rust has

who allegedly helped him. Soviet state-run news agency Novosti, told the Munich-published Bunte magazine that the Rust had changed his story about

knew something about the matter and who helped him," Mr. Falin was quoted as saying.

Mr. Falin did not identify the

embourg earlier this week that Rust had given conflicting statements to Soviet authorities about his daredevil flight from Helsinki to Moscow in a Cessna 172 light